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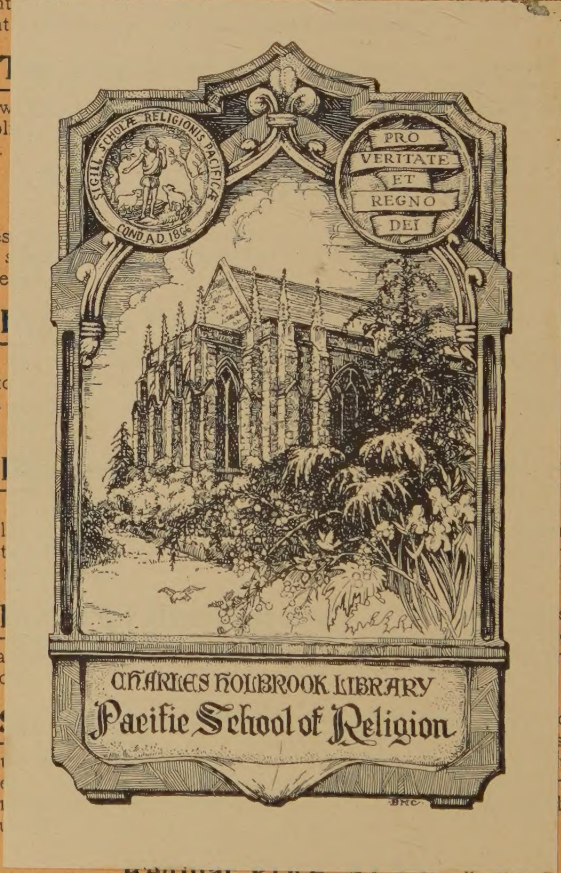

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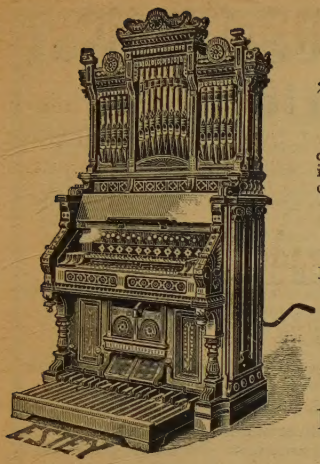

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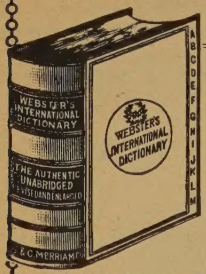

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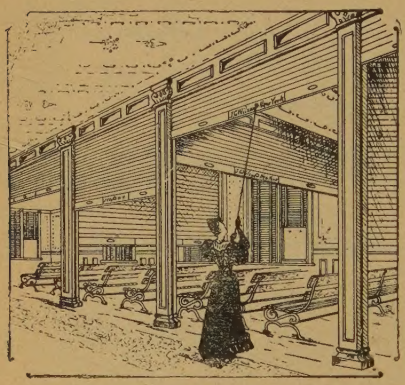

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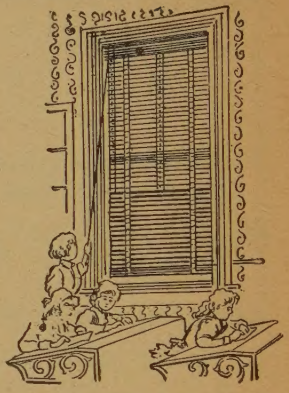

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A SINGLE step and again a step,
Until by safe degrees
The milestones passed, we win at last
Home, when the King shall please.
And the strangest thing is often this,
That the briery, tangled spots
Which cumber our feet, should be thick
and sweet
With our Lord's forget-me-nots.

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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I.

The Calendar.

Whichever way the wind doth blow,
Some heart is glad to have it so ;
Then blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best.

—*Caroline A. Mason.*

CHEERFULNESS is the privilege of the new year. The wise man trims his sail to the wind, if it be ahead, or steers with the breeze, if it be favorable and the seas smooth. Though it be true, as Pope has said, that "all looks yellow to the jaundiced eye," it is equally true that to the man in health all things are uncolored and clear. In this line a recent author has been led to say:

The world has for us just what we have for it. It is a mirror which reflects the faces we make. If we smile and are glad, it reflects a cheerful, sunny face. If we are sour, irritable, mean, and contemptible, it still shows us a true copy of ourselves. The world is a whispering gallery which returns the echo of our own voices. What we say of others is said of us. We shall find nothing in the world which we do not first find in ourselves. . . . "I saw a delicate flower had grown up two feet high," said Thoreau, "between the horse's path and the wheel-track. An inch more to the right or left had sealed its fate, or an inch higher; and yet it lived to flourish as much as if it had a thousand acres of untrodden space around it, and never knew the danger it incurred. It did not borrow trouble, nor invite an evil fate by apprehending it."

"I resolved that, like the sun, so long as my day lasted, I would look on the bright side of everything," said Hood.

"There is always a black spot in our sunshine," says Carlyle ; "it is the shadow of ourselves." Get out of your own light. . . .

"I live in a constant endeavor to fence against the infirmities of ill health and other evils by mirth," said Sterne; "I am persuaded that every time a man smiles—but much more so when he laughs—it adds something to his fragment of life."

"This pemmican is the finest flavored pemmican I have ever seen," said one of a crew in search of John Franklin, when they were reduced to starvation diet.

Take life like a man. Take it just as though it was—as it is—an earnest, vital, essential affair. Take it just as though you personally were born to

THE MOON AT QUADRATURE.

the task of performing a merry part in it—as though the world had waited for your coming. Take it as though it were a grand opportunity to do and to achieve, to carry forward great and good schemes.*

Eclipses in 1897.

THERE will be only two eclipses this year, both of the Sun.

I. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, February 1. Invisible north of a line drawn from near Austin, Tex., to Boston. South of that line a very small

* *Pushing to the Front*, pp. 292–294.

partial eclipse on the sun's southern limb will be visible a short time before sunset, and on the Atlantic coast from Charleston, S. C., to Boston the sun will set with the eclipse upon it. The path of the annulus will average forty miles wide, extending from the northern point of New Zealand across the Pacific Ocean and through the northwestern corner of South America, where it will be seen in Colombia and Venezuela, ending at the Island of Trinidad. This eclipse returns again in 1915, February 13, and will then be seen in the southern parts of Europe and Asia.

II. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, July 29, in the morning, the partial phase on the southern limb being visible in all parts of the United States except Alaska. Visible also in the southern parts of British America and in nearly all of South America. The path of the annulus, averaging twenty-five miles wide, will pass across Mexico, and Cuba at Havana, and the eastern extremity of Brazil.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, JULY 29.

PLACES.	Begins.	Middle.	End.	Size.	PLACES.	Begins.	Middle.	End.	Size.
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	DIG.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	DIG.
Portland, Me.....	9 19	10 23	11 27	3	Baltimore.....	8 44	9 54	11 3	7
Boston.....	9 15	10 21	11 28	4½	Chicago.....	7 56	8 55	9 54	6
New York.....	8 57	10 5	11 13	6	Cincinnati.....	8 8	9 15	10 22	7
Philadelphia.....	8 51	9 59	11 8	6	Cleveland.....	8 22	9 27	10 32	6
Washington.....	8 42	9 52	11 1	7	Pittsburg.....	8 31	9 36	10 41	6
Charleston.....	8 9	9 39	11 3	9	New Orleans.....	7 28	8 44	10 0	10
Nashville.....	7 32	8 52	10 13	8	Galveston.....	6 53	8 9	9 26	10
Atlanta.....	7 38	8 3	10 28	8	Portland, Ore....	5 35	6 13	6 50	2
Raleigh, N. C. ..	8 16	9 38	11 0	7	San Francisco....	5 0	6 2	7 4	5
St. Louis.....	7 41	8 43	9 45	7					

This eclipse occurs again in 1915, August 10, in the afternoon, and will be visible in eastern Asia on the morning of the 11th.

Church Days.

THESE days are important festivals in the religious observance of different branches of the Christian Church. They are, for the most part, movable occasions, and for the year 1897 occur as follows:

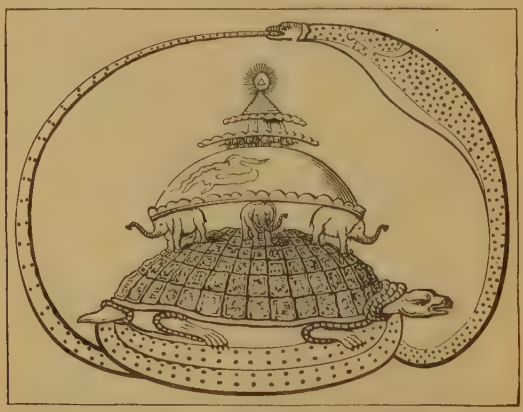
Septuagesima Sunday	Feb. 14	Rogation Sunday	May 23
Sexagesima Sunday	" 21	Ascension Day	" 27
Quinquagesima	" 28	Whitsunday—Pentecost	June 6
Shrove Tuesday	March 2	Trinity Sunday	" 13
Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	" 3	Corpus Christi	" 17
Quadragesima Sunday	" 7	Advent Sunday	Nov. 28
Mid-Lent Sunday	" 28	Christmas	Dec. 25
Passion Sunday	April 4	Dec. 25 (Russian) occurs Jan. 6, 1898.	
Palm Sunday	" 11		
Good Friday	" 16	Ember Days, March 10, 12, 13; June 9, 11, 12; Sept. 15, 17, 18; Dec. 15, 17, 18.	
Easter Sunday	" 18		
Low Sunday	" 25		

The Seasons—Washington Time.

Winter Solstice (Winter, 1896, begins).....Dec. 21, 2 h. 13 m. A. M.
Vernal Equinox (Spring, 1897, begins).....March 20, 3 h. 0 m. A. M.
Summer Solstice (Summer begins).....June 20, 11 h. 21 m. P. M.
Autumnal Equinox (Autumn begins).....Sept. 22, 1 h. 41 m. P. M.
Winter Solstice (Winter begins).....Dec. 21, 8 h. 4 m. A. M.

Planets Brightest.

MERCURY, January 2, April 15, and December 17, setting soon after the sun. Also February 18 and October 10, rising shortly before the sun. It may be seen April 15, possibly, and October 10. Venus, March 21 and June 3. Mars, not this year. Jupiter, February 23. Saturn, May 18. Uranus, May 17. Neptune, December 21.



HINDU REPRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSE.

[According to this conception "the heavens rest on the earth, and the earth on the backs of gigantic elephants." These, in turn, "are borne up by a huge tortoise, which stands on a serpent swallowing its tail, this last being a symbol almost universally used to represent eternity."]

Morning and Evening Stars.

MERCURY (☿) will be Evening Star about January 6, April 28, August 26, and December 20; and Morning Star about February 15, June 15, and October 7.

VENUS (♀) will be Evening Star till April 28; and then Morning Star the rest of the year.

JUPITER (♃) will be Morning Star till February 23; then Evening Star till September 12; and then Morning Star again the rest of the year.

Historic Eras.

THE year 1897 includes the ending of the 121st and the beginning of the 122d year of the Independence of the United States of America. It also comprises the year 7405–06 of the Byzantine Era; the year 5657–58 of the Jewish Era, the first day of the year 5658 being September 27; the year 2650 since the foundation of Rome, according to Varro; and the year 1315 of the Mohammedan Era, or the Era of the Hegira, which begins on the second day of June, 1897. At Christmas (1897) also begins the 114th year of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Chronological Cycles.

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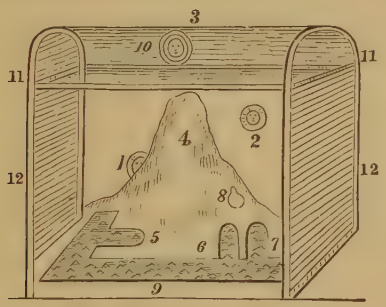
The Heavens and Earth of Cosmas.



[1. The setting sun. 2. The rising sun. 3. The arch of the heavens. 4. The mountain which receives the rising and setting sun. 5. The Mediterranean. 6. The Red Sea. 7. The Persian Gulf. 8. The Garden of Eden. 9. Part of the great ocean which flows around the world. 10. The Creator surveying his works. 11. The firmament, dividing and supporting the upper waters. 12. The heavens at each side of the earth. This cut is copied from the original in the British Museum.]

Signs of the Planets, etc.

☉ The Sun.	♄ Saturn.	Perihelion, nearest to the Sun.
☽ The Moon.	♅ Uranus.	Aphelion, farthest from the Sun.
☿ Mercury.	♆ Neptune.	Perigee, nearest to the Earth.
♀ Venus.	° ′ ″ Deg., Min., Sec.	Apogee, farthest from the Earth.
⊕ The Earth.	☌ Conjunction: same long.	Stationary, not moving E. or W.
♂ Mars.	□ 90° apart	Elongation, distance in arc.
♃ Jupiter.	☍ 180° apart.	

To Find Day of the Week.

By use of the following directions it is claimed that the day of any date in the present century—from 1800 to 1900—may be ascertained:

Divide the year (omitting the century) by 4, adding the quotient after dropping the remainder. To this add the day of the month and its proper complement from the following table. Divide the sum total by 7, and the remainder will be the day of the week, counting Sunday the first. If there be no remainder the answer will be Saturday. Following are the complements of the months:

January	3	June	0
In leap year	2	July	2
February	6	August	5
In leap year	5	September	1
March	6	October	3
April	2	November	6
May	4	December	1

The two following examples clearly illustrate this method. We may, for instance, find on what day of the week the following dates occur:

January 1, 1876.

4)76	
19	
1	
2	
7)98	
	14—0

Answer: Saturday.

January 1, 1897.

4)97	
24	
1	
3	
7)125	
	17—6

Answer: Friday.

The above complements are only correct for the present century.

A Place for Each.

Every man has a mission to perform in this world, for which his talents precisely fit him, and, having found what this mission is, he must throw into it all the energies of his soul, seeking its accomplishment, not his own glory. As Goethe wisely says: "Man is not born to solve the problem of the universe, but to find out what he has to do, and to restrain himself within the limits of his power of comprehension." Having found what you have to do . . . do it with all your might, because it is your duty, your enjoyment, or the very necessity of your being.—*Mathews.*

Permanent Calendar for the Century.

EXPLANATION: The seven calendars in the right-hand Table (numbered 1 to 7) exhibit every possible variation in the month-date of each day of the week. The numbers in the left-hand Table indicate the proper calendar for each month of every year, from 1865 to 1900.

YEAR.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1865	1	4	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1866	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7
1867	3	6	6	2	4	7	2	5	1	3	6	1
1868	4	7	1	4	6	2	4	7	3	5	1	3
1869	6	2	2	5	7	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
1870	7	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	5
1871	1	4	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1872	2	5	6	2	4	7	2	5	1	3	6	1
1873	4	7	7	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	7	2
1874	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	7	3	5	1	3
1875	6	2	2	5	7	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
1876	7	3	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1877	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7
1878	3	6	6	2	4	7	2	5	1	3	6	1
1879	4	7	7	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	7	2
1880	5	1	2	5	7	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
1881	7	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	5
1882	1	4	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1883	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7
1884	3	6	7	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	7	2
1885	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	7	3	5	1	3
1886	6	2	2	5	7	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
1887	7	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	5
1888	1	4	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7
1889	3	6	6	2	4	7	2	5	1	3	6	1
1890	4	7	7	3	5	1	3	6	2	4	7	2
1891	5	1	1	4	6	2	4	7	3	5	1	3
1892	6	2	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	5
1893	1	4	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1894	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7
1895	3	6	6	2	4	7	2	5	1	3	6	1
1896	4	7	1	4	6	2	4	7	3	5	1	3
1897	6	2	2	5	7	3	5	1	4	6	2	4
1898	7	3	3	6	1	4	6	2	5	7	3	5
1899	1	4	4	7	2	5	7	3	6	1	4	6
1900	2	5	5	1	3	6	1	4	7	2	5	7

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	28	29	30	31			
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	27	28	29	30	31		
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	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7	31						1
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	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

DIRECTIONS: Find the month and year required, in the left-hand Table. The figure opposite both will indicate the calendar to be used. Thus: January, 1897, gives the figure "6;" hence the sixth calendar is the one for January, 1897, and the New Year is seen to fall on Friday.

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1ST MONTH. **JANUARY, 1897.** 31 DAYS.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Nebr. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col., Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Ch'ton
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
1	1	Fr	4	7 30	4 39	6 10	9 47	7 25	4 44	6 3	6 34	7 19	4 49	5 56	7 7	3 5	6 5 36	5 48
2	2	Sa	5	7 30	4 40	7 12	10 49	7 25	4 45	7 5	7 32	7 19	4 50	6 58	7 7	3 5	7 6 38	6 47
3	3	S	5	7 30	4 41	sets	11 41	7 25	4 46	sets	8 25	7 19	4 51	sets	7 7	3 5	7 sets	7 41
4	4	M	5	7 30	4 42	6 23	0 6	7 25	4 47	6 27	9 16	7 19	4 52	6 33	7 7	3 5	8 6 47	8 28
5	5	Tu	6	7 30	4 43	7 35	0 53	7 25	4 48	7 38	10 0	7 19	4 53	7 42	7 7	4 5	9 7 53	9 11
6	6	W	6	7 30	4 44	8 43	1 36	7 25	4 49	8 45	10 41	7 19	4 54	8 48	7 7	4 5	10 8 53	9 52
7	7	Th	7	7 29	4 45	9 48	2 18	7 25	4 50	9 49	11 20	7 19	4 55	9 50	7 7	4 5	11 9 52	10 32
8	8	Fr	7	7 29	4 46	10 50	2 56	7 24	4 51	10 49	——	7 19	4 56	10 50	7 7	4 5	11 10 47	11 10
9	9	Sa	8	7 29	4 47	11 52	3 34	7 24	4 52	11 50	0 20	7 19	4 57	11 49	7 7	4 5	12 11 43	11 51
10	10	S	8	7 29	4 48	morn	4 16	7 24	4 53	morn	1 3	7 19	4 58	morn	7 7	4 5	13 morn	0 13
11	11	M	8	7 28	4 49	0 54	5 2	7 24	4 54	0 51	1 48	7 18	4 59	0 49	7 7	3 5	14 0 39	1 0
12	12	Tu	9	7 28	4 50	1 57	5 51	7 23	4 55	1 53	2 37	7 18	5 0	1 49	7 7	3 5	15 1 35	1 51
13	13	W	9	7 28	4 51	3 0	6 46	7 23	4 56	2 55	3 31	7 18	5 1	2 49	7 7	3 5	16 2 33	2 45
14	14	Th	10	7 27	4 53	4 3	7 44	7 23	4 57	3 57	4 29	7 18	5 2	3 50	7 7	3 5	17 3 32	3 44
15	15	Fr	10	7 27	4 54	5 4	8 43	7 22	4 58	4 57	5 27	7 17	5 3	4 50	7 7	3 5	18 4 30	4 44
16	16	Sa	10	7 26	4 55	5 59	9 39	7 22	4 59	5 52	6 25	7 17	5 4	5 45	7 7	3 5	19 5 24	5 40
17	17	S	11	7 26	4 56	6 46	10 32	7 21	5 1	6 40	7 17	7 16	5 5	6 33	7 7	3 5	19 6 14	6 30
18	18	M	11	7 25	4 57	rises	11 21	7 20	5 2	rises	8 3	7 16	5 5	6 rises	7 7	3 5	20 rises	7 19
19	19	Tu	11	7 24	4 59	6 4	——	7 20	5 3	6 8	8 50	7 15	5 6	6 12	7 7	3 5	21 6 25	8 5
20	20	W	11	7 24	5 0	7 16	0 27	7 19	5 4	7 18	9 34	7 15	5 7	7 22	7 7	3 5	22 7 30	8 45
21	21	Th	12	7 23	5 1	8 29	1 10	7 19	5 5	8 30	10 16	7 14	5 8	8 32	7 7	3 5	23 8 35	9 27
22	22	Fr	12	7 22	5 2	9 43	1 51	7 18	5 7	9 42	10 54	7 14	5 9	9 43	7 7	3 5	24 9 41	10 7
23	23	Sa	12	7 22	5 4	10 57	2 33	7 17	5 8	10 55	11 39	7 13	5 10	10 54	7 6	3 5	25 10 48	10 50
24	24	S	12	7 21	5 5	morn	3 18	7 17	5 9	morn	0 3	7 12	5 11	11 morn	6 59	3 5	26 11 56	11 37
25	25	M	13	7 21	5 6	0 12	4 7	7 16	5 10	0 9	0 53	7 12	5 12	0 5	6 59	3 5	27 morn	0 4
26	26	Tu	13	7 20	5 7	1 29	5 5	7 15	5 11	1 24	1 52	7 11	5 13	1 19	6 58	3 5	28 1 5	1 4
27	27	W	13	7 18	5 9	2 45	6 11	7 14	5 13	2 39	2 57	7 10	5 17	2 33	6 58	3 5	29 2 15	2 11
28	28	Th	13	7 17	5 10	3 57	7 24	7 13	5 14	3 50	4 9	7 10	5 18	3 41	6 57	3 5	30 3 23	3 23
29	29	Fr	13	7 16	5 11	5 1	8 35	7 13	5 15	4 54	5 20	7 9	5 19	4 47	6 57	3 5	31 4 26	4 37
30	30	Sa	14	7 15	5 13	5 55	9 39	7 12	5 16	5 49	6 25	7 8	5 20	5 42	6 56	3 5	32 5 23	5 39
31	31	S	14	7 14	5 14	6 37	10 35	7 11	5 17	6 32	7 20	7 7	5 21	6 26	6 55	3 5	33 6 9	6 34

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
N. Moon.	3 1 3 M.	3 1 3 M.	3 1 3 M.	3 1 3 M.	3 0 3 M.	3 0 3 M.
F. Quar.	10 4 46 A.	10 4 46 A.	10 4 46 A.	10 4 46 A.	10 3 46 A.	10 3 46 A.
F. Moon.	18 3 17 A.	18 3 17 A.	18 3 17 A.	18 3 17 A.	18 2 17 A.	18 2 17 A.
L. Quar.	25 3 8 A.	25 3 8 A.	25 3 8 A.	25 3 8 A.	25 2 8 A.	25 2 8 A.

2D MONTH.	FEBRUARY, 1897.	28 DAYS.

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
N. MOON.	1 3 13 A.	1 3 13 A.	1 3 13 A.	1 3 13 A.	1 2 13 A.	1 2 13 A.
F. QUAR.	9 2 25 A.	9 2 25 A.	9 2 25 A.	9 2 25 A.	9 1 25 A.	9 1 25 A.
F. MOON.	17 5 11 M.	17 5 11 M.	17 5 11 M.	17 5 11 M.	17 4 11 M.	17 4 11 M.
L. QUAR.	23 10 43 A.	23 10 43 A.	23 10 43 A.	23 10 43 A.	23 9 43 A.	23 9 43 A.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City; Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col., Utah and Cal.				LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.					
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton		
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.		
32	1	M	14	7 13	5 15	sets	11 23	7 10	5 19	sets	8 6	7 6	5 22	sets	8 6	6 55	5 34	sets	7 21		
33	2	Tu	14	7 12	5 16	6 23	——	7 9	5 20	6 25	8 49	7 5	5 24	6 29	8 49	6 54	5 35	6 37	8 5		
34	3	W	14	7 11	5 17	7 31	0 25	7 8	5 21	7 32	9 30	7 4	5 25	7 34	9 30	6 54	5 36	7 38	8 42		
35	4	Th	14	7 10	5 19	8 35	1 3	7 7	5 22	8 35	10 7	7 3	5 26	8 36	10 7	6 53	5 36	8 35	9 17		
36	5	Fr	14	7 9	5 20	9 38	1 39	7 6	5 24	9 37	10 41	7 2	5 27	9 36	10 41	6 52	5 37	9 32	9 53		
37	6	Sa	14	7 8	5 22	10 40	2 16	7 5	5 25	10 37	11 17	7 1	5 28	10 34	11 17	6 51	5 38	10 28	10 29		
38	7	S	14	7 7	5 23	11 43	2 53	7 3	5 26	11 39	11 57	7 0	5 29	11 35	11 57	6 50	5 39	11 24	11 8		
39	8	M	14	7 5	5 24	morn	3 32	7 2	5 27	morn	0 18	6 59	5 30	morn	0 18	6 49	5 40	morn	11 50		
40	9	Tu	14	7 4	5 26	0 46	4 17	7 1	5 28	0 41	1 4	6 58	5 32	0 36	1 4	6 49	5 41	0 21	0 14		
41	10	W	14	7 3	5 27	1 49	5 8	7 0	5 30	1 43	1 55	6 57	5 33	1 37	1 55	6 48	5 42	1 19	1 7		
42	11	Th	14	7 1	5 28	2 51	6 8	6 59	5 31	2 44	2 54	6 56	5 34	2 38	2 54	6 47	5 43	2 17	2 8		
43	12	Fr	14	7 0	5 30	3 48	7 10	6 57	5 32	3 41	3 55	6 55	5 35	3 34	3 55	6 46	5 44	3 13	3 10		
44	13	Sa	14	6 58	5 31	4 38	8 14	6 56	5 33	4 31	4 58	6 53	5 36	4 24	4 58	6 45	5 45	4 4	4 16		
45	14	S	14	6 57	5 32	5 21	9 14	6 55	5 35	5 15	6 0	6 52	5 38	5 9	6 0	6 44	5 45	4 51	5 16		
46	15	M	14	6 56	5 33	5 57	10 8	6 53	5 36	5 52	6 54	6 51	5 38	5 47	6 54	6 43	5 46	5 32	6 8		
47	16	Tu	14	6 55	5 35	6 26	10 58	6 52	5 37	6 22	7 41	6 50	5 39	6 20	7 41	6 42	5 47	6 9	6 55		
48	17	W	14	6 53	5 36	rises	11 40	6 51	5 38	rises	8 25	6 48	5 41	6 41	8 25	6 41	5 48	rises	7 40		
49	18	Th	14	6 52	5 37	7 25	0 1	6 49	5 39	7 25	9 8	6 47	5 42	7 26	9 8	6 40	5 49	7 27	8 21		
50	19	Fr	14	6 50	5 38	8 41	0 43	6 48	5 41	8 40	9 50	6 46	5 43	8 39	9 50	6 39	5 50	8 35	9 0		
51	20	Sa	14	6 49	5 40	9 58	1 25	6 46	5 42	9 56	10 30	6 44	5 44	9 53	10 30	6 38	5 51	9 44	9 42		
52	21	S	14	6 47	5 41	11 17	2 9	6 45	5 43	11 13	11 15	6 43	5 45	11 8	11 15	6 37	5 51	10 55	10 28		
53	22	M	14	6 46	5 42	morn	2 57	6 44	5 44	morn	——	6 42	5 46	morn	——	6 36	5 52	morn	11 18		
54	23	Tu	13	6 44	5 43	0 35	3 50	6 42	5 45	0 29	0 36	6 40	5 47	0 24	0 36	6 34	5 53	0 7	——		
55	24	W	13	6 43	5 45	1 49	4 53	6 41	5 47	1 43	1 49	6 39	5 48	1 36	1 49	6 33	5 54	1 16	0 52		
56	25	Th	13	6 41	5 46	2 55	6 6	6 39	5 48	2 48	2 51	6 38	5 49	2 41	2 51	6 32	5 55	2 20	2 4		
57	26	Fr	13	6 40	5 47	3 51	7 18	6 38	5 49	3 44	4 3	6 36	5 50	3 38	4 3	6 31	5 56	3 17	3 18		
58	27	Sa	13	6 38	5 48	4 36	8 26	6 36	5 50	4 30	5 11	6 35	5 51	4 24	5 11	6 30	5 56	4 7	4 28		
59	28	S	13	6 36	5 50	5 11	9 25	6 35	5 51	5 6	6 11	6 33	5 52	5 2	6 11	6 29	5 57	4 47	5 27		
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3D MONTH.	MARCH, 1897.	31 DAYS.

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
N. Moon.	3 6 56 M.	3 6 56 M.	3 6 56 M.	3 6 56 M.	3 5 56 M.	3 5 56 M.
F. Quar.	11 10 28 M.	11 10 28 M	11 10 28 M.	11 10 28 M.	11 9 28 M.	11 9 28 M.
F. Moon.	18 4 28 A.	18 4 28 A.	18 4 28 A.	18 4 28 A.	18 3 28 A.	18 3 28 A.
L. Quar.	25 7 0 M.	25 7 0 M.	25 7 0 M.	25 7 0 M.	25 6 0 M.	25 6 0 M.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.				LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Ch'ton
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
60	1	M	12	6 35	5 51	5 38	10 15	6 33	5 52	5 35	7 0	6 32	5 53	5 32		6 28	5 58	5 21	6 14
61	2	Tu	12	6 33	5 52	6 2	10 57	6 32	5 53	6 0	7 41	6 30	5 54	5 59		6 26	5 59	5 52	6 55
62	3	W	12	6 32	5 53	sets	11 35	6 30	5 54	sets	8 18	6 29	5 56	sets		6 25	5 59	sets	7 35
63	4	Th	12	6 30	5 54	7 23	——	6 29	5 55	7 22	8 56	6 28	5 57	8 23		6 24	6 0	7 20	8 10
64	5	Fr	12	6 28	5 56	8 26	0 27	6 27	5 57	8 24	9 32	6 26	5 58	8 23		6 23	6 1	8 16	8 42
65	6	Sa	11	6 27	5 57	9 29	1 3	6 26	5 58	9 26	10 6	6 25	5 59	9 23		6 21	6 2	9 13	9 16
66	7	S	11	6 25	5 58	10 32	1 38	6 24	5 59	10 28	10 41	6 23	6 0	10 23		6 20	6 3	10 10	10 53
67	8	M	11	6 23	5 59	11 35	2 17	6 22	6 0	11 30	11 20	6 22	6 1	11 24		6 19	6 4	11 7	11 32
68	9	Tu	11	6 21	6 0	morn	2 58	6 21	6 1	morn	——	6 20	6 2	morn		6 18	6 4	morn	11 15
69	10	W	10	6 20	6 1	0 37	3 43	6 19	6 2	0 31	0 29	6 19	6 3	0 24		6 15	6 5	0 1	——
70	11	Th	10	6 18	6 3	1 35	4 37	6 17	6 3	1 28	1 24	6 17	6 4	1 21		6 15	6 6	1 1	0 35
71	12	Fr	10	6 16	6 4	2 28	5 37	6 16	6 4	2 21	2 23	6 15	6 5	2 14		6 14	6 6	1 54	1 37
72	13	Sa	9	6 15	6 5	3 13	6 41	6 14	6 5	3 7	3 27	6 14	6 6	3 0		6 12	6 7	2 41	2 40
73	14	S	9	6 13	6 6	3 51	7 45	6 13	6 6	3 46	4 30	6 12	6 7	3 40		6 11	6 8	3 24	3 45
74	15	M	9	6 11	6 7	4 24	8 45	6 11	6 8	4 20	5 30	6 11	6 8	4 16		6 10	6 9	4 3	4 46
75	16	Tu	9	6 9	6 8	4 52	9 38	6 9	6 9	4 48	6 24	6 9	6 9	4 47		6 8	6 9	4 38	5 39
76	17	W	8	6 8	6 10	5 17	10 27	6 8	6 10	5 15	7 12	6 8	6 10	5 15		6 7	6 10	5 10	6 25
77	18	Th	8	6 6	6 11	rises	11 11	6 6	6 11	rises	7 53	6 6	6 11	rises		6 6	6 11	rises	7 9
78	19	Fr	8	6 4	6 12	7 36	11 54	6 4	6 12	7 34	8 38	6 5	6 12	7 33		6 5	6 11	7 26	7 54
79	20	Sa	7	6 3	6 13	8 56	0 16	6 3	6 13	8 52	9 24	6 3	6 13	8 50		6 3	6 12	8 38	8 36
80	21	S	7	6 1	6 14	10 17	1 1	6 1	6 14	10 12	10 11	6 2	6 14	10 8		6 2	6 13	9 51	9 21
81	22	M	7	5 59	6 15	11 35	1 51	5 59	6 15	11 29	10 59	6 0	6 15	11 23		6 1	6 13	11 4	10 12
82	23	Tu	6	5 57	6 16	morn	2 44	5 58	6 16	morn	11 57	5 58	6 15	morn		5 59	6 14	morn	11 7
83	24	W	6	5 56	6 17	0 46	3 42	5 56	6 17	0 39	0 29	5 57	6 16	0 32		5 58	6 15	0 12	——
84	25	Th	6	5 54	6 18	1 46	4 48	5 54	6 18	1 39	1 35	5 55	6 17	1 32		5 57	6 16	1 12	0 47
85	26	Fr	6	5 52	6 20	2 34	5 58	5 53	6 19	2 28	2 44	5 53	6 18	2 22		5 55	6 16	2 3	1 57
86	27	Sa	5	5 50	6 21	3 12	7 5	5 51	6 20	3 7	3 50	5 52	6 19	3 2		5 54	6 17	2 47	3 5
87	28	S	5	5 49	6 22	3 43	8 7	5 49	6 21	3 39	4 51	5 50	6 20	3 36		5 53	6 18	3 25	4 7
88	29	M	5	5 47	6 23	4 8	8 58	5 48	6 22	4 5	5 43	5 49	6 21	4 4		5 51	6 18	3 56	5 0
89	30	Tu	4	5 45	6 24	4 29	9 43	5 46	6 23	4 28	6 29	5 47	6 22	4 27		5 50	6 19	4 23	5 44
90	31	W	4	5 43	6 25	4 49	10 24	5 44	6 24	4 49	7 9	5 46	6 23	4 50		5 49	6 20	4 49	6 23

4TH MONTH. **APRIL, 1897.** 30 DAYS.

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
N. MOON.	1 11 24 A.	1 11 24 A.	1 11 24 A.	1 11 24 A.	1 10 24 A.	1 10 24 A.
F. QUAR.	10 3 27 M.	10 3 27 M.	10 3 27 M.	10 3 27 M.	10 2 27 M.	10 2 27 M.
F. MOON.	17 1 25 M.	17 1 25 M.	17 1 25 M.	17 1 25 M.	17 0 25 M.	17 0 25 M.
L. QUAR.	23 4 48 A.	23 4 48 A.	23 4 48 A.	23 4 48 A.	23 3 48 A.	23 3 48 A.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia. Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Ch'ton
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
91	1	Th	4	5 42	6 26	5 9	11 2	5 43	6 25	5 10	7 45	5 44	6 24	5 12	5 47	6 20	5 15	7 30
92	2	Fr	3	5 40	6 28	sets	11 37	5 41	6 26	sets	8 19	5 43	6 25	sets	5 46	6 21	sets	7 36
93	3	Sa	3	5 38	6 29	8 22	——	5 39	6 27	8 18	8 57	5 41	6 26	8 14	5 45	6 22	8 2	8 11
94	4	S	3	5 36	6 30	9 25	0 29	5 38	6 28	9 20	9 35	5 39	6 27	9 15	5 44	6 23	8 59	8 46
95	5	M	3	5 35	6 31	10 27	1 8	5 36	6 29	10 21	10 13	5 38	6 28	10 15	5 42	6 23	9 56	9 24
96	6	Tu	2	5 33	6 32	11 26	1 48	5 35	6 30	11 19	10 53	5 36	6 29	11 13	5 41	6 24	10 52	10 6
97	7	W	2	5 31	6 33	morn	2 33	5 33	6 32	morn	11 39	5 35	6 30	morn	5 40	6 25	11 46	10 51
98	8	Th	2	5 30	6 34	0 20	3 19	5 31	6 33	0 13	0 4	5 33	6 31	0 6	5 38	6 25	morn	11 39
99	9	Fr	1	5 28	6 35	1 7	4 10	5 30	6 34	1 1	0 57	5 32	6 32	0 54	5 37	6 26	0 34	0 7
100	10	Sa	1	5 26	6 36	1 48	5 8	5 28	6 35	1 42	1 55	5 30	6 33	1 36	5 36	6 27	1 19	1 7
101	11	S	1	5 25	6 38	2 22	6 9	5 27	6 36	2 17	2 55	5 29	6 34	2 12	5 35	6 28	1 58	2 9
102	12	M	1	5 23	6 39	2 50	7 10	5 25	6 37	2 47	3 55	5 27	6 35	2 43	5 33	6 28	2 33	3 10
103	13	Tu	0	5 21	6 40	3 16	8 8	5 24	6 38	3 14	4 53	5 26	6 36	3 13	5 32	6 29	3 6	4 10
104	14	W	0	5 20	6 41	3 40	9 1	5 22	6 39	3 39	5 47	5 24	6 37	3 39	5 31	6 30	3 37	5 3
105	15	Th	f.	5 18	6 42	4 4	9 53	5 20	6 40	4 5	6 39	5 23	6 38	4 6	5 30	6 30	4 8	5 54
106	16	Fr	0	5 17	6 43	4 30	10 42	5 19	6 41	4 32	7 26	5 21	6 38	4 35	5 29	6 31	4 42	6 39
107	17	Sa	1	5 15	6 44	rises	11 29	5 17	6 42	rises	8 11	5 20	6 39	rises	5 27	6 32	rises	7 28
108	18	S	1	5 14	6 45	9 12	——	5 16	6 43	9 6	9 3	5 19	6 40	9 0	5 26	6 32	8 43	8 17
109	19	M	1	5 12	6 46	10 29	0 43	5 14	6 44	10 23	9 56	5 17	6 41	10 16	5 25	6 33	9 56	9 7
110	20	Tu	1	5 10	6 48	11 36	1 39	5 13	6 45	11 29	10 50	5 16	6 42	11 22	5 24	6 34	11 2	10 3
111	21	W	1	5 9	6 49	morn	2 37	5 11	6 46	morn	11 50	5 14	6 43	morn	5 23	6 35	11 59	11 0
112	22	Th	2	5 7	6 50	0 30	3 34	5 10	6 47	0 24	0 20	5 13	6 44	0 17	5 22	6 35	morn	——
113	23	Fr	2	5 6	6 51	1 12	4 35	5 9	6 48	1 7	1 21	5 12	6 45	1 1	5 21	6 36	0 45	0 33
114	24	Sa	2	5 4	6 52	1 45	5 37	5 7	6 49	1 41	2 23	5 10	6 46	1 37	5 20	6 37	1 24	1 36
115	25	S	2	5 3	6 53	2 11	6 36	5 6	6 50	2 8	3 22	5 9	6 47	2 0	5 19	6 37	1 57	2 36
116	26	M	2	5 1	6 54	2 34	7 30	5 4	6 51	2 32	4 15	5 8	6 48	2 32	5 17	6 38	2 26	3 31
117	27	Tu	3	5 0	6 55	2 55	8 20	5 3	6 52	2 54	5 4	5 7	6 49	2 55	5 16	6 39	2 53	4 22
118	28	W	3	4 59	6 56	3 14	9 5	5 2	6 53	3 15	5 50	5 5	6 50	3 16	5 15	6 40	3 18	5 6
119	29	Th	3	4 57	6 58	3 34	9 46	5 0	6 54	3 36	6 32	5 4	6 51	3 39	5 14	6 41	3 44	5 47
120	30	Fr	3	4 56	6 59	3 56	10 27	4 59	6 55	3 59	7 12	5 3	6 52	4 3	5 13	6 41	4 13	6 25

5TH MONTH. | # MAY, 1897. | 31 DAYS.

☽ PHASES.	BOSTON.			N. YORK.			WASH'TON			CHARLES'N			CHICAGO.			ST. PAUL.		
	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.
N. MOON.	1	3	46 A.	1	3	46 A.	1	3	46 A.	1	3	46 A.	1	2	46 A.	1	2	46 A.
F. QUAR.	9	4	37 A.	9	4	37 A.	9	4	37 A.	9	4	37 A.	9	3	37 A.	9	3	37 A.
F. MOON.	16	8	54 M.	16	8	54 M	16	8	54 M.	16	8	54 M.	16	7	54 M.	16	7	54 M.
L. QUAR.	23	4	34 M.	23	4	34 M.	23	4	34 M.	23	4	34 M.	23	3	34 M.	23	3	34 M.
N. MOON	31	7	25 M.	31	7	25 M.	31	7	25 M.	31	7	25 M.	31	6	25 M.	31	6	25 M.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.					LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia. Conn., N. Jersey. Pennsylvania. Ohio. Ind., Illinois. Neb. and N. Cal.					LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.					LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.				
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Boston		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. N. Y.		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.			Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon rises.	H. W. Ch'ton	
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
121	1	Sa	4	54	7	0	4 20	11 6	4 58	6 56	4 24	7 48		5 2	6 53	4 29			5 12	6 42	4 43	7 3	
122	2	S	3	53	7	1	sets	11 43	4 57	6 57	sets	8 26		5 0	6 54	sets			5 11	6 43	sets	7 42	
123	3	M	3	52	7	2	9 19	0 2	4 55	6 58	9 13	9 8		4 59	6 55	9 6			5 10	6 43	8 47	8 21	
124	4	Tu	3	50	7	3	10 14	0 43	4 54	7 0	10 7	9 51		4 58	6 56	10 0			5 9	6 44	9 40	9 2	
125	5	W	3	49	7	4	11 3	1 27	4 53	7 1	10 57	10 33		4 57	6 57	10 50			5 9	6 45	10 39	9 45	
126	6	Th	4	48	7	5	11 45	2 13	4 52	7 2	11 39	11 19		4 56	6 57	11 33			5 8	6 45	11 15	10 31	
127	7	Fr	4	47	7	6	morn	2 59	4 51	7 3	morn	—		4 55	6 58	morn			5 7	6 46	11 56	11 18	
128	8	Sa	4	46	7	8	0 21	3 47	4 49	7 4	0 16	0 33		4 54	6 59	0 11			5 6	6 47	morn	—	
129	9	S	4	44	7	9	0 51	4 39	4 48	7 5	0 47	1 26		4 53	7 0	0 44			5 5	6 47	0 31	0 37	
130	10	M	4	43	7	10	1 17	5 35	4 47	7 7	1 14	2 21		4 52	7 1	1 13			5 4	6 48	1 4	1 35	
131	11	Tu	4	42	7	11	1 41	6 31	4 46	7 7	1 40	3 17		4 51	7 2	1 39			5 3	6 49	1 35	2 30	
132	12	W	4	41	7	12	2 5	7 28	4 45	7 8	2 5	4 13		4 50	7 3	2 6			5 3	6 50	2 6	3 28	
133	13	Th	4	40	7	13	2 29	8 25	4 44	7 9	2 30	5 10		4 49	7 4	2 33			5 2	6 51	2 37	4 27	
134	14	Fr	4	39	7	14	2 55	9 20	4 43	7 10	2 58	6 6		4 48	7 5	3 2			5 1	6 51	3 11	5 22	
135	15	Sa	4	38	7	15	3 26	10 15	4 42	7 11	3 30	7 1		4 47	7 6	3 36			5 1	6 52	3 50	6 14	
136	16	S	4	37	7	16	rises	11 11	4 41	7 11	rises	7 53		4 46	7 7	rises			5 0	6 53	rises	7 9	
137	17	M	4	36	7	17	9 15	— —	4 40	7 12	9 8	8 50		4 45	7 8	9 1			4 59	6 53	8 41	8 5	
138	18	Tu	4	35	7	18	10 18	0 33	4 40	7 13	10 12	9 47		4 44	7 8	10 5			4 59	6 54	9 45	8 57	
139	19	W	4	34	7	19	11 7	1 29	4 39	7 14	11 1	10 41		4 44	7 9	10 55			4 58	6 55	10 38	9 54	
140	20	Th	4	33	7	20	11 44	2 25	4 38	7 15	11 39	11 35		4 43	7 10	11 35			4 57	6 56	11 21	10 47	
141	21	Fr	4	32	7	21	morn	3 18	4 37	7 16	morn	0 2		4 42	7 11	morn			4 57	6 56	11 57	11 40	
142	22	Sa	4	32	7	22	0 13	4 10	4 36	7 17	0 10	0 57		4 41	7 12	0 7			4 56	6 57	morn	0 8	
143	23	S	4	31	7	23	0 38	5 3	4 36	7 18	0 36	1 50		4 41	7 13	0 35			4 56	6 58	0 28	1 2	
144	24	M	3	30	7	24	0 59	5 54	4 35	7 19	0 58	2 40		4 40	7 13	0 58			4 55	6 58	0 56	1 53	
145	25	Tu	3	29	7	25	1 19	6 44	4 34	7 19	1 19	3 30		4 39	7 14	1 21			4 55	6 59	1 22	2 44	
146	26	W	3	28	7	26	1 39	7 34	4 34	7 20	1 41	4 18		4 39	7 15	1 43			4 55	6 59	1 48	3 34	
147	27	Th	3	27	7	27	2 0	8 22	4 33	7 21	2 3	5 6		4 38	7 16	2 6			4 54	7 0	2 15	4 23	
148	28	Fr	3	27	7	27	2 24	9 7	4 32	7 22	2 28	5 53		4 38	7 17	2 33			4 54	7 1	2 45	5 9	
149	29	Sa	3	26	7	28	2 51	9 52	4 32	7 23	2 56	6 38		4 37	7 17	3 2			4 53	7 1	3 18	5 53	
150	30	S	3	26	7	29	3 22	10 37	4 31	7 23	3 38	7 22		4 37	7 18	3 35			4 53	7 2	3 53	6 35	
151	31	M	2	26	7	30	sets	11 21	4 31	7 24	sets	8 3		4 36	7 19	sets			4 53	7 2	sets	7 19	

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DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston; New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City; Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington; Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston; North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
			M.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston MORN.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y. MORN.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton MORN.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
152	1	Tu	2	4 25	7 30	9 1	——	4 30	7 25	8 54	8 47	4 36	7 19	8 48	4 52	7 3	8 27	8 3
153	2	W	2	4 25	7 31	9 44	0 25	4 30	7 26	9 38	9 33	4 36	7 20	9 32	4 52	7 3	9 13	8 45
154	3	Th	2	4 24	7 32	10 22	1 9	4 30	7 26	10 17	10 16	4 35	7 21	10 11	4 52	7 4	9 55	9 28
155	4	Fr	2	4 24	7 32	10 54	1 54	4 29	7 27	10 50	10 58	4 35	7 21	10 46	4 52	7 5	10 32	10 11
156	5	Sa	2	4 24	7 33	11 20	2 38	4 29	7 28	11 17	11 43	4 35	7 22	11 15	4 52	7 5	11 6	10 55
157	6	S	1	4 23	7 34	11 44	3 21	4 29	7 28	11 42	0 7	4 34	7 23	11 41	4 51	7 6	11 36	11 40
158	7	M	1	4 23	7 34	morn	4 7	4 29	7 29	morn	0 54	4 34	7 23	morn	4 51	7 6	morn	0 4
159	8	Tu	1	4 23	7 35	0 7	4 58	4 28	7 29	0 6	1 45	4 34	7 24	0 7	4 51	7 7	0 5	0 57
160	9	W	1	4 23	7 36	0 54	5 53	4 28	7 30	0 56	2 39	4 34	7 24	0 32	4 51	7 7	0 34	1 53
161	10	Th	1	4 22	7 36	0 54	6 51	4 28	7 31	0 56	3 36	4 34	7 25	0 59	4 51	7 7	1 7	2 50
162	11	Fr	1	4 22	7 37	1 23	7 53	4 28	7 31	1 27	4 38	4 34	7 25	1 31	4 51	7 8	1 43	3 54
163	12	Sa	0	4 22	7 37	1 58	8 56	4 28	7 31	2 3	5 42	4 34	7 26	2 9	4 51	7 8	2 25	4 58
164	13	S	0	4 22	7 38	2 41	9 59	4 28	7 32	2 47	6 45	4 34	7 26	2 54	4 51	7 8	3 14	5 59
165	14	M	sl.	4 22	7 38	rises	11 1	4 28	7 32	rises	7 44	4 34	7 27	rises	4 51	7 9	rises	6 58
166	15	Tu	0	4 22	7 38	8 54	11 57	4 28	7 33	8 48	8 41	4 34	7 27	8 42	4 51	7 9	8 23	7 57
167	16	W	1	4 22	7 39	9 38	0 23	4 28	7 33	9 36	4 34	4 34	7 27	9 28	4 51	7 10	9 12	8 47
168	17	Th	1	4 22	7 39	10 12	1 15	4 28	7 33	10 8	10 25	4 34	7 27	10 5	4 51	7 10	9 52	9 37
169	18	Fr	1	4 23	7 39	10 39	2 5	4 28	7 34	10 36	11 11	4 34	7 28	10 35	4 52	7 11	10 26	10 24
170	19	Sa	1	4 23	7 40	11 2	2 51	4 28	7 34	11 1	11 58	4 34	7 28	11 0	4 52	7 11	10 56	11 8
171	20	S	1	4 23	7 40	11 23	3 35	4 29	7 34	11 23	0 21	4 34	7 28	11 24	4 52	7 11	11 24	11 54
172	21	M	2	4 23	7 40	11 43	4 19	4 29	7 34	11 44	1 6	4 34	7 29	morn	4 52	7 11	11 50	0 17
173	22	Tu	2	4 23	7 40	morn	5 6	4 29	7 34	morn	1 52	4 35	7 29	morn	4 52	7 11	morn	1 5
174	23	W	2	4 24	7 40	0 4	5 55	4 29	7 35	0 6	2 41	4 35	7 29	0 10	4 53	7 11	0 18	1 54
175	24	Th	2	4 24	7 40	0 26	6 46	4 30	7 35	0 29	3 31	4 35	7 29	0 34	4 53	7 11	0 46	2 45
176	25	Fr	2	4 24	7 40	0 52	7 39	4 30	7 35	0 57	4 23	4 36	7 29	1 2	4 53	7 11	1 17	3 40
177	26	Sa	3	4 25	7 40	1 23	8 31	4 30	7 35	1 28	5 16	4 36	7 29	1 35	4 54	7 12	1 53	4 33
178	27	S	3	4 25	7 40	2 0	9 23	4 31	7 35	2 6	6 9	4 37	7 29	2 14	4 54	7 12	2 33	5 25
179	28	M	3	4 25	7 40	2 45	10 14	4 31	7 35	2 52	6 59	4 37	7 29	2 59	4 54	7 12	3 21	6 13
180	29	Tu	3	4 26	7 40	3 36	11 1	4 32	7 35	3 43	7 44	4 37	7 29	3 50	4 55	7 12	4 12	7 0
181	30	W	4	4 26	7 40	sets	11 46	4 32	7 35	sets	8 29	4 38	7 29	sets	4 55	7 12	sets	7 45
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☽ PHASES.	BOSTON.			N. YORK.			WASH'TON			CHARLES'N			CHICAGO.			ST. PAUL.		
	D.	H.	M.	D	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M	D.	H.	M.
F. QUAR.	8	2	2 M.	8	2	2 M.	8	2	2 M.	8	2	2 M.	8	1	2 M.	8	1	2 M.
F. MOON.	14	4	1 A.	14	4	1 A	14	4	1 A.	14	4	1 A.	14	3	1 A.	14	3	1 A.
L. QUAR.	21	6	24 A.	21	6	24 A.	21	6	24 A.	21	6	24 A.	21	5	24 A.	21	5	24 A.
N. MOON	29	9	55 A.	29	9	55 A.	29	9	55 A.	29	9	55 A.	29	8	55 A.	29	8	55 A.

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☽ PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M	D. H. M.
F. QUAR.	7 8 32 M.	7 8 32 M.	7 8 32 M.	7 8 32 M.	7 7 32 M.	7 7 32 M.
F. MOON.	13 11 52 A.	13 11 52 A	13 11 52 A.	13 11 52 A.	13 10 52 A.	13 10 52 A.
L. QUAR.	21 10 8 M.	21 10 8 M.	21 10 8 M.	21 10 8 M.	21 9 8 M.	21 9 8 M.
N. MOON	29 10 58 M.	29 10 58 M.	29 10 58 M.	29 10 58 M.	29 9 58 M	29 9 58 M.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston; New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City; Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.			LATITUDE Of Washington; Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston; North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.					
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton	
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	
182	1	Th	4	4 27	7 40	8 56	0 7	4 32	7 35	8 51	9 14	4 38	7 29	8 47	4 55	7 12	8 33	8 27	
183	2	Fr	4	4 27	7 40	9 24	0 49	4 33	7 34	9 21	9 56	4 39	7 29	9 18	4 56	7 12	9 7	9 7	
184	3	Sa	4	4 28	7 40	9 48	1 31	4 33	7 34	9 46	10 35	4 39	7 29	9 45	4 56	7 12	9 38	9 48	
185	4	S	4	4 29	7 39	10 11	2 13	4 34	7 34	10 10	11 16	4 40	7 28	10 10	4 57	7 11	10 8	10 28	
186	5	M	4	4 29	7 39	10 34	2 53	4 35	7 34	10 34	——	4 40	7 28	10 36	4 57	7 11	10 37	11 10	
187	6	Tu	5	4 29	7 39	10 58	3 37	4 36	7 33	11 0	0 23	4 41	7 28	11 3	4 58	7 11	11 8	11 57	
188	7	W	5	4 30	7 38	11 24	4 25	4 36	7 33	11 27	1 12	4 41	7 28	11 31	4 58	7 11	11 42	0 22	
189	8	Th	5	4 31	7 38	11 54	5 20	4 37	7 33	11 58	2 6	4 42	7 27	morn	4 59	7 11	morn	1 19	
190	9	Fr	5	4 32	7 38	morn	6 24	4 38	7 32	morn	3 10	4 43	7 27	0 4	4 59	7 10	0 19	2 23	
191	10	Sa	5	4 33	7 37	0 33	7 33	4 38	7 32	0 39	4 18	4 43	7 26	0 45	4 59	7 10	1 3	3 33	
192	11	S	5	4 33	7 37	1 22	8 45	4 39	7 32	1 28	5 30	4 44	7 26	1 36	5 0	7 10	1 57	4 46	
193	12	M	5	4 34	7 36	2 23	9 51	4 39	7 31	2 30	6 37	4 45	7 26	2 38	5 1	7 9	2 59	5 52	
194	13	Tu	5	4 35	7 36	3 33	10 52	4 40	7 31	3 39	7 36	4 45	7 25	3 47	5 1	7 9	4 6	6 49	
195	14	W	6	4 36	7 35	rises	11 44	4 41	7 30	rises	8 26	4 46	7 24	rises	5 2	7 9	rises	7 44	
196	15	Th	6	4 37	7 34	8 38	0 8	4 42	7 29	8 35	9 18	4 47	7 24	8 33	5 3	7 8	8 23	8 30	
197	16	Fr	6	4 38	7 34	9 3	0 54	4 42	7 29	9 1	10 1	4 48	7 23	9 0	5 3	7 8	8 55	9 12	
198	17	Sa	6	4 38	7 33	9 26	1 36	4 43	7 28	9 25	10 40	4 48	7 23	9 26	5 4	7 8	9 24	9 53	
199	18	S	6	4 39	7 32	9 47	2 17	4 44	7 28	9 48	11 19	4 49	7 22	9 49	5 5	7 7	9 51	10 32	
200	19	M	6	4 40	7 32	10 8	2 56	4 45	7 27	10 10	——	4 50	7 22	10 13	5 5	7 7	10 18	11 11	
201	20	Tu	6	4 41	7 31	10 30	3 36	4 46	7 26	10 33	0 22	4 51	7 21	10 37	5 6	7 6	10 47	11 54	
202	21	W	6	4 42	7 30	10 54	4 19	4 47	7 25	10 58	1 7	4 52	7 20	11 3	5 7	7 5	11 17	0 18	
203	22	Th	6	4 43	7 29	11 22	5 8	4 47	7 24	11 27	1 55	4 52	7 19	11 33	5 7	7 5	11 50	1 8	
204	23	Fr	6	4 44	7 28	11 56	6 2	4 48	7 24	morn	2 48	4 53	7 19	morn	5 8	7 4	morn	2 1	
205	24	Sa	6	4 45	7 27	morn	7 0	4 49	7 23	0 2	3 46	4 54	7 18	0 9	5 8	7 4	0 29	2 59	
206	25	S	6	4 46	7 26	0 37	7 59	4 50	7 22	0 43	4 44	4 55	7 17	0 51	5 9	7 3	1 12	4 0	
207	26	M	6	4 47	7 25	1 27	8 56	4 51	7 21	1 34	5 41	4 56	7 16	1 42	5 10	7 2	2 3	4 58	
208	27	Tu	6	4 48	7 24	2 25	9 50	4 52	7 20	2 31	6 38	4 57	7 15	2 39	5 10	7 2	2 59	5 51	
209	28	W	6	4 49	7 23	3 29	10 40	4 53	7 19	3 35	7 24	4 57	7 14	3 41	5 11	7 1	3 57	6 38	
210	29	Th	6	4 50	7 22	sets	11 24	4 54	7 18	sets	8 7	4 58	7 13	sets	5 12	7 0	sets	7 23	
211	30	Fr	6	4 51	7 21	7 53	——	4 55	7 17	7 50	8 50	4 59	7 12	7 49	5 12	6 59	7 41	8 5	
212	31	Sa	6	4 52	7 20	8 17	0 26	4 56	7 16	8 16	9 32	5 0	7 12	8 15	5 13	6 58	8 11	8 44	

8TH MONTH. | # AUGUST, 1897. | 31 DAYS.

☽ PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
F. QUAR.	5 1 24 A.	5 1 24 A.	5 1 24 A.	5 1 24 A.	5 0 24 A.	5 0 24 A.
F. MOON	12 9 22 M.	12 9 22 M.	12 9 22 M.	12 9 22 M.	12 8 22 M.	12 8 22 M.
L. QUAR.	20 3 29 M.	20 3 29 M.	20 3 29 M.	20 3 29 M.	20 2 29 M.	20 2 29 M.
N. MOON	27 10 29 A.	27 10 29 A.	27 10 29 A.	27 10 29 A.	27 9 29 A.	27 9 29 A.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN SLOW.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City; Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.				LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.				
			M.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
213	1	S	6	4 53	7 19	8 39	1 5	4 57	7 15	8 39	10 10	5 1	7 11	8 40		5 14	6 57	8 40	9 21
214	2	M	6	4 54	7 18	9 2	1 45	4 58	7 14	9 3	10 49	5 2	7 9	9 6		5 14	6 57	9 10	10 1
215	3	Tu	6	4 55	7 16	9 27	2 27	4 59	7 13	9 30	11 32	5 3	7 8	9 33		5 15	6 56	9 43	10 44
216	4	W	6	4 56	7 15	9 56	3 11	5 0	7 12	10 0	——	5 4	7 7	10 5		5 16	6 55	10 18	11 31
217	5	Th	6	4 57	7 14	10 32	4 1	5 1	7 10	10 37	0 48	5 5	7 6	10 44		5 16	6 54	11 1	——
218	6	Fr	6	4 58	7 13	11 16	5 11	5 2	7 9	11 22	1 48	5 5	7 5	11 30		5 17	6 53	11 49	1 0
219	7	Sa	5	4 59	7 11	morn	6 11	5 3	7 8	morn	2 57	5 6	7 4	morn		5 18	6 52	morn	2 10
220	8	S	5	5 0	7 10	0 10	7 26	5 3	7 7	0 17	4 11	5 7	7 3	0 25		5 19	6 52	0 46	3 26
221	9	M	5	5 1	7 9	1 15	8 39	5 4	7 5	1 21	5 24	5 8	7 2	1 29		5 19	6 51	1 50	4 40
222	10	Tu	5	5 2	7 7	2 28	9 43	5 5	7 4	2 34	6 29	5 9	7 0	2 41		5 20	6 50	2 59	5 44
223	11	W	5	5 3	7 6	3 44	10 38	5 6	7 3	3 49	7 23	5 10	6 59	3 54		5 21	6 49	4 9	6 36
224	12	Th	5	5 4	7 4	rises	11 25	5 7	7 1	rises	8 7	5 11	6 58	rises		5 21	6 48	rises	7 24
225	13	Fr	5	5 5	7 3	7 27	——	5 8	7 0	7 26	8 51	5 12	6 56	7 26		5 22	6 47	7 22	8 5
226	14	Sa	4	5 6	7 2	7 50	0 25	5 9	6 59	7 50	9 31	5 13	6 55	7 51		5 23	6 45	7 51	8 42
227	15	S	4	5 7	7 0	8 11	1 3	5 10	6 57	8 12	10 8	5 14	6 54	8 15		5 24	6 44	8 19	9 16
228	16	M	4	5 8	6 59	8 32	1 40	5 11	6 56	8 35	10 42	5 15	6 53	8 38		5 24	6 43	8 47	9 54
229	17	Tu	4	5 10	6 57	8 55	2 18	5 12	6 54	8 59	11 20	5 16	6 50	9 3		5 25	6 41	9 16	10 33
230	18	W	4	5 11	6 56	9 22	2 58	5 13	6 53	9 27	——	5 16	6 49	10 7		5 26	6 40	9 48	11 14
231	19	Th	3	5 12	6 54	9 54	3 41	5 14	6 51	10 0	0 27	5 17	6 47	10 47		5 27	6 39	10 25	——
232	20	Fr	3	5 13	6 53	10 33	4 28	5 15	6 50	10 39	1 15	5 18	6 46	11 34		5 27	6 38	11 7	0 27
233	21	Sa	3	5 14	6 51	11 19	5 25	5 16	6 48	11 26	2 11	5 19	6 46	morn		5 28	6 36	11 55	1 25
234	22	S	3	5 15	6 50	morn	6 26	5 17	6 47	morn	3 11	5 20	6 44	morn		5 28	6 36	morn	2 26
235	23	M	2	5 16	6 48	0 13	7 28	5 18	6 45	0 19	4 13	5 21	6 43	0 27		5 29	6 35	0 48	3 29
236	24	Tu	2	5 17	6 46	1 14	8 28	5 19	6 44	1 20	5 14	5 22	6 42	1 27		5 30	6 34	1 46	4 30
237	25	W	2	5 18	6 45	2 20	9 23	5 20	6 42	2 25	6 10	5 23	6 40	2 31		5 30	6 33	2 47	5 25
238	26	Th	2	5 19	6 43	3 29	10 13	5 21	6 41	3 33	6 59	5 24	6 39	3 38		5 31	6 32	3 50	6 12
239	27	Fr	1	5 20	6 41	4 40	10 58	5 22	6 39	4 43	7 41	5 25	6 38	4 46		5 31	6 30	4 55	6 56
240	28	Sa	1	5 21	6 40	sets	11 39	5 23	6 38	sets	8 22	5 26	6 36	sets		5 32	6 29	sets	7 38
241	29	S	1	5 22	6 38	7 7	——	5 24	6 36	7 8	9 3	5 26	6 34	7 10		5 33	6 28	7 12	8 17
242	30	M	0	5 23	6 37	7 31	0 38	5 25	6 35	7 33	9 45	5 27	6 33	7 37		5 33	6 27	7 44	8 56
243	31	Tu	0	5 24	6 35	8 0	1 20	5 26	6 33	8 4	10 27	5 28	6 31	8 8		5 34	6 25	8 20	9 38

9TH MONTH. SEPTEMBER, 1897. 30 DAYS.

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
F. QUAR.	3 6 13 A.	3 6 13 A.	3 6 13 A.	3 6 13 A.	3 5 13 A.	3 5 13 A.
F. MOON.	10 9 12 A.	10 9 12 A	10 9 12 A.	10 9 12 A.	10 8 12 A.	10 8 12 A.
L. QUAR.	18 9 51 A.	18 9 51 A.	18 9 51 A.	18 9 51 A.	18 8 51 A.	18 8 51 A.
N. MOON	26 8 46 M.	26 8 46 M.	26 8 46 M	26 8 46 M.	26 7 46 M.	26 7 46 M.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
244	1	W	0	5 25	6 33	8 34	2 5	5 27	6 31	8 39	11 11	5 29	6 29	8 45	5 35	6 24	9 1	10 23
245	2	Th	1	5 26	6 31	9 15	2 53	5 28	6 30	9 21	——	5 30	6 28	9 28	5 35	6 23	9 47	11 14
246	3	Fr	1	5 27	6 30	10 5	3 49	5 29	6 28	10 11	0 35	5 31	6 26	10 19	5 36	6 21	10 40	——
247	4	Sa	1	5 29	6 28	11 6	4 54	5 30	6 26	11 12	1 41	5 32	6 25	11 20	5 37	6 20	11 41	0 53
248	5	S	2	5 30	6 26	morn	6 7	5 31	6 25	morn	2 53	5 33	6 23	morn	5 37	6 19	morn	2 7
249	6	M	2	5 31	6 24	0 16	7 21	5 32	6 23	0 22	4 0	5 34	6 22	0 29	5 38	6 17	0 49	3 21
250	7	Tu	2	5 32	6 23	1 30	8 28	5 33	6 22	1 35	5 12	5 35	6 20	1 41	5 38	6 16	1 57	4 29
251	8	W	3	5 33	6 21	2 43	9 24	5 34	6 20	2 47	6 10	5 35	6 19	2 51	5 39	6 15	3 4	5 26
252	9	Th	3	5 34	6 19	3 54	10 14	5 35	6 18	3 56	7 0	5 36	6 17	4 0	5 40	6 13	4 8	6 13
253	10	Fr	3	5 35	6 18	5 3	10 58	5 36	6 16	5 4	7 41	5 37	6 15	5 6	5 40	6 12	5 10	6 55
254	11	Sa	3	5 36	6 16	rises	11 35	5 37	6 15	rises	8 17	5 38	6 14	rises	5 41	6 11	rises	7 34
255	12	S	4	5 37	6 14	6 35	——	5 38	6 13	6 37	8 56	5 39	6 12	6 40	5 42	6 9	6 46	8 10
256	13	M	4	5 38	6 12	6 58	0 28	5 39	6 12	7 1	9 34	5 40	6 11	7 5	5 43	6 8	7 16	8 45
257	14	Tu	5	5 39	6 11	7 23	1 6	5 40	6 10	7 27	10 11	5 41	6 9	7 33	5 43	6 7	7 47	9 21
258	15	W	5	5 40	6 9	7 53	1 45	5 41	6 8	7 58	10 48	5 42	6 8	8 5	5 44	6 5	8 22	10 0
259	16	Th	5	5 41	6 7	8 29	2 26	5 42	6 7	8 35	11 30	5 42	6 6	8 42	5 44	6 4	9 2	10 42
260	17	Fr	6	5 42	6 5	9 12	3 10	5 43	6 5	9 18	——	5 43	6 4	9 26	5 45	6 3	9 47	11 29
261	18	Sa	6	5 43	6 3	10 3	3 58	5 44	6 3	10 9	0 45	5 44	6 3	10 17	5 46	6 2	10 38	——
262	19	S	6	5 44	6 2	11 0	4 53	5 45	6 1	11 6	1 40	5 45	6 1	11 13	5 46	6 0	11 33	0 51
263	20	M	7	5 46	6 0	morn	5 53	5 46	6 0	morn	2 39	5 46	6 0	morn	5 47	5 59	morn	1 52
264	21	Tu	7	5 47	5 58	0 3	6 55	5 47	5 58	0 8	3 41	5 47	5 58	0 15	5 48	5 58	0 32	2 55
265	22	W	8	5 48	5 56	1 10	7 55	5 48	5 56	1 14	4 40	5 48	5 57	1 20	5 48	5 56	1 34	3 56
266	23	Th	8	5 49	5 55	2 19	8 49	5 49	5 55	2 22	5 35	5 49	5 55	2 26	5 49	5 55	2 37	4 51
267	24	Fr	8	5 50	5 53	3 30	9 39	5 50	5 53	3 32	6 25	5 50	5 53	3 35	5 50	5 53	3 40	5 40
268	25	Sa	9	5 51	5 51	4 41	10 26	5 51	5 51	4 41	7 11	5 51	5 51	4 43	5 50	5 52	4 44	6 25
269	26	S	9	5 52	5 49	sets	11 10	5 52	5 50	sets	7 53	5 52	5 50	sets	5 51	5 51	sets	7 8
270	27	M	9	5 53	5 48	6 0	11 52	5 53	5 48	6 3	8 36	5 52	5 48	6 7	5 52	5 49	6 17	7 51
271	28	Tu	10	5 54	5 46	6 32	0 13	5 54	5 46	6 36	9 22	5 53	5 47	6 42	5 52	5 48	6 56	8 35
272	29	W	10	5 55	5 44	7 12	1 0	5 55	5 45	7 18	10 10	5 54	5 45	7 24	5 53	5 47	7 42	9 21
273	30	Th	10	5 56	5 43	8 1	1 50	5 56	5 43	8 7	11 0	5 55	5 43	8 15	5 54	5 45	8 35	10 13

10TH MONTH. | OCTOBER, 1897. | 31 DAYS.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City; Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
274	1	Fr	11	5 58	5 41	9 1	2 46	5 57	5 41	9 7	11 59	5 56	5 42	9 15	5 54	5 44	9 36	11 10
275	2	Sa	11	5 59	5 39	10 9	3 45	5 58	5 40	10 15	0 31	5 57	5 40	10 22	5 55	5 43	10 42	——
276	3	S	11	6 0	5 37	11 20	4 51	5 59	5 38	11 25	1 38	5 58	5 39	11 32	5 56	5 42	11 49	0 50
277	4	M	11	6 1	5 36	morn	6 0	6 0	5 37	morn	2 46	5 59	5 37	morn	5 56	5 40	morn	2 0
278	5	Tu	12	6 2	5 34	0 32	7 6	6 1	5 35	0 36	3 51	6 0	5 36	0 41	5 57	5 39	0 55	3 6
279	6	W	12	6 3	5 32	1 43	8 3	6 2	5 33	1 46	4 48	6 1	5 34	1 50	5 58	5 38	1 59	4 5
280	7	Th	12	6 4	5 31	2 52	8 56	6 3	5 32	2 54	5 42	6 2	5 33	2 56	5 59	5 36	3 1	4 58
281	8	Fr	13	6 5	5 29	3 58	9 42	6 4	5 30	3 58	6 28	6 3	5 31	4 0	6 0	5 35	4 1	5 43
282	9	Sa	13	6 7	5 27	5 3	10 24	6 5	5 28	5 2	7 9	6 4	5 30	5 2	6 0	5 34	4 59	6 22
283	10	S	13	6 8	5 25	6 7	11 2	6 6	5 27	6 5	7 45	6 5	5 28	6 4	6 1	5 33	5 57	7 0
284	11	M	13	6 9	5 24	rises	11 39	6 7	5 25	rises	8 21	6 6	5 27	rises	6 2	5 31	rises	7 39
285	12	Tu	14	6 10	5 22	5 55	——	6 8	5 24	6 0	9 2	6 7	5 25	6 6	6 2	5 30	6 22	8 16
286	13	W	14	6 11	5 21	6 28	0 36	6 9	5 22	6 34	9 42	6 8	5 24	6 41	6 3	5 29	6 59	8 53
287	14	Th	14	6 13	5 19	7 8	1 16	6 11	5 21	7 14	10 22	6 9	5 22	7 22	6 4	5 28	8 30	9 33
288	15	Fr	14	6 14	5 17	7 55	1 59	6 12	5 19	8 1	11 4	6 10	5 21	8 9	6 5	5 26	8 30	10 17
289	16	Sa	15	6 15	5 16	8 49	2 45	6 13	5 18	8 55	11 53	6 11	5 20	9 3	6 6	5 25	9 23	11 3
290	17	S	15	6 16	5 14	9 49	3 32	6 14	5 16	9 55	0 18	6 12	5 18	10 2	6 6	5 24	10 20	11 54
291	18	M	15	6 17	5 13	10 53	4 24	6 15	5 15	10 58	1 11	6 13	5 17	11 4	6 7	5 23	11 19	0 22
292	19	Tu	15	6 18	5 11	11 59	5 19	6 16	5 13	morn	2 6	6 14	5 15	morn	6 8	5 22	morn	1 19
293	20	W	15	6 19	5 10	morn	6 17	6 17	5 12	0 3	3 2	6 15	5 14	0 7	6 8	5 21	0 20	2 16
294	21	Th	15	6 21	5 8	1 7	7 14	6 18	5 10	1 9	3 58	6 16	5 13	1 13	6 9	5 20	1 21	3 13
295	22	Fr	16	6 22	5 7	2 17	8 9	6 19	5 9	2 18	4 53	6 17	5 11	2 20	6 10	5 19	2 24	4 9
296	23	Sa	16	6 23	5 5	3 29	9 0	6 20	5 8	3 29	5 45	6 18	5 10	3 29	6 11	5 18	3 28	5 2
297	24	S	16	6 24	5 4	4 43	9 50	6 22	5 6	4 41	6 36	6 19	5 9	4 41	6 11	5 17	4 35	5 51
298	25	M	16	6 25	5 2	6 1	10 40	6 23	5 5	5 58	7 25	6 20	5 7	5 56	6 12	5 15	5 46	6 38
299	26	Tu	16	6 26	5 1	sets	11 29	6 24	5 3	sets	8 13	6 21	5 6	sets	6 13	5 14	sets	7 28
300	27	W	16	6 28	5 0	5 52	——	6 25	5 2	5 58	9 5	6 22	5 4	5 58	6 14	5 13	6 25	8 19
301	28	Th	16	6 29	4 58	6 50	0 47	6 26	5 1	6 56	10 0	6 24	5 3	7 4	6 15	5 12	7 25	9 11
302	29	Fr	16	6 30	4 57	7 58	1 42	6 27	5 0	8 4	10 55	6 25	5 3	8 12	6 16	5 12	8 32	10 7
303	30	Sa	16	6 32	4 55	9 10	2 41	6 29	4 58	9 15	11 53	6 26	5 1	9 22	6 16	5 11	9 40	11 5
304	31	S	16	6 33	4 54	10 23	3 38	6 30	4 57	10 27	0 24	6 27	5 0	10 33	6 17	5 10	10 47	——

PHASES.	BOSTON.	N. YORK.	WASH'TON	CHARLES'N	CHICAGO.	ST. PAUL.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
F. QUAR.	3 0 31 M.	3 0 31 M.	3 0 31 M.	3 0 31 M.	2 11 31 A.	2 11 31 A.
F. MOON.	10 11 42 M.	10 11 42 M.	10 11 42 M.	10 11 42 M.	10 10 42 M.	10 10 42 M.
L. QUAR.	18 4 9 A.	18 4 9 A.	18 4 9 A.	18 4 9 A.	18 3 9 A.	18 3 9 A.
N. MOON	25 6 28 A.	25 6 28 A.	25 6 28 A.	25 6 28 A.	25 5 28 A.	25 5 28 A.

11TH MONTH.	NOVEMBER, 1897.	30 DAYS.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col. Utah and Cal.			LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton
			M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	MORN.
305	1	M	16	6 34	4 52	11 35	4 38	6 31	4 56	11 38	1 25	6 28	4 59	11 42	6 18	5 9	11 53	0 36
306	2	Tu	16	6 35	4 52	morn	5 37	6 32	4 55	morn	2 23	6 29	4 58	morn	6 19	5 8	morn	1 37
307	3	W	16	6 36	4 50	0 44	6 33	6 33	4 54	0 46	3 19	6 30	4 57	0 49	6 20	5 7	0 55	2 32
308	4	Th	16	6 38	4 49	1 50	7 28	6 35	4 52	1 51	4 13	6 31	4 56	1 52	6 21	5 6	1 54	3 28
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12TH MONTH. **DECEMBER, 1897.** 31 DAYS.

DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	SUN FAST.	LATITUDE Of Boston: New England, New York State, Lower Mich., Wisconsin, Iowa, Wyoming and Oregon.				LATITUDE Of New York City: Philadelphia, Conn., N. Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ind., Illinois, Neb. and N. Cal.				LATITUDE Of Washington: Maryl'd, Va., Ky., Mo., Kas., Col., Utah and Cal.				LATITUDE Of Charleston: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Miss., Ark., New Mexico, Arizona and So. Cal.			
				Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Boston	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. N. Y.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.		Sun rises.	Sun sets.	Moon sets.	H. W. Ch'ton
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347	13	M	5	7 21	4 28	8 44	1 59	7 16	4 34	8 47	11 1	7 11	4 39	8 51		6 54	4 55	9 2	10 14
348	14	Tu	5	7 22	4 29	9 49	2 39	7 17	4 34	9 51	11 44	7 11	4 39	9 54		6 55	4 55	10 0	10 55
349	15	W	4	7 23	4 29	10 55	3 21	7 18	4 34	10 56	0 6	7 12	4 40	10 58		6 56	4 56	11 0	11 38
350	16	Th	4	7 23	4 29	morn	4 5	7 18	4 34	morn	0 51	7 13	4 40	morn		6 56	4 56	morn	0 2
351	17	Fr	3	7 24	4 29	0 2	4 53	7 19	4 35	0 1	1 40	7 14	4 40	0 2		6 57	4 57	0 0	0 52
352	18	Sa	3	7 25	4 30	1 12	5 46	7 20	4 35	1 10	2 32	7 14	4 41	1 9		6 57	4 57	1 4	1 45
353	19	S	2	7 26	4 30	2 26	6 46	7 20	4 36	2 23	3 32	7 15	4 41	2 21		6 58	4 58	2 11	2 45
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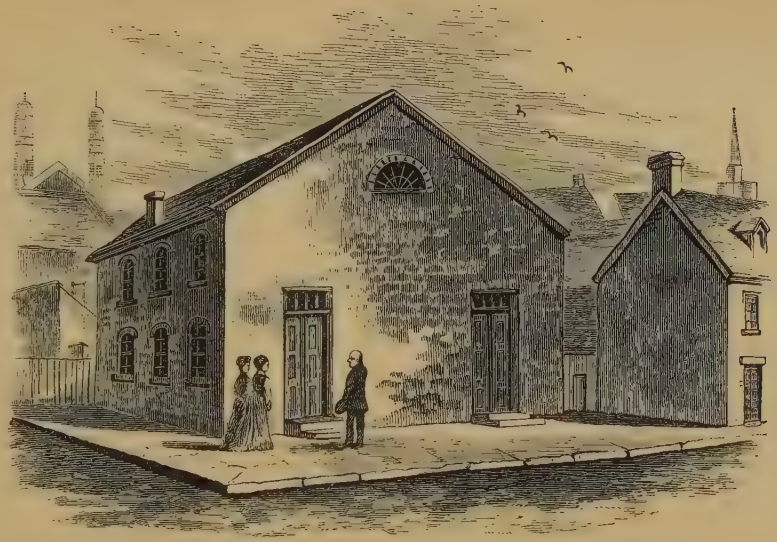

LOVELY LANE MEETINGHOUSE, BALTIMORE.

[The site of this historic place of worship is now occupied by the Merchants' Club building of Baltimore. Under the auspices of the American Methodist Historical Society a tablet was unveiled on the front wall of this building November 24, 1896, the inscription being: "Upon this Site stood, from 1774 to 1786, the Lovely Lane Meeting House in which was organized December, 1784, the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America." Commemorative services were later held.]

II.

The Methodist Episcopal Church.

Is the Bridegroom absent still?
Watch, O blood-bought Church of God;
Severed from an evil world,
Walk thou in the heavenly road.
—*Bonar.*

METHODISM does not stand still. Its eager face is toward the light; its ambition covets the round globe for its triumphant Master. An English Church historian* compares the growth of the Roman empire with that of Methodism, to the advantage of the latter. The former "extended three thousand miles in length and two thousand miles in breadth, and comprised the most fertile and best cultivated part of the known world." Its boundaries were "the Atlantic on the west; the Rhine and Danube on the north; the Euphrates on the east; and the deserts of Arabia and Africa on the south." Yet, in comparison with the progress of Methodism, its spread was "insignificantly small." The Church has a larger heritage. "Passing to other regions which the Romans never trod, it has long since entered India and Ceylon; it has already won its triumphs in the flowery land of the Chinese; it has a vast multitude of adherents in Australia and the islands of the Pacific Ocean; in the West Indies its converts are numbered by tens of thousands; while in America it has diffused its blessings from the most remote settlements of Canada in the north to the Gulf of Mexico in the south, and from Nova Scotia in the east to California in the west."

The growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while not unattended with obstacles, is constant and encouraging. Much of its increase results from revivals; and still, says the Episco-

*Tyerman: *The Life and Times of the Rev. John Wesley, M.A.*

pal Address read at the General Conference of 1896, "the old-time fire of revivals will burn if there is sufficient warmth in Christian hearts to kindle them. . . . If we fail, it is because our methods are not Methodistic, or our unbelief forbids the many mighty works." Of the advance of the Church during the past quadrennium the bishops in their address at Cleveland speak as follows:

We most heartily congratulate the Church on the success of the last four years. The country has been depressed. The world has been in financial straits. Vast railway systems have gone into the hands of receivers. Great corporations have been wrecked. Fortunes have disappeared like mist. Men's hearts have failed them for fear. But the Church of the living God has moved right on to certain victory. The King of kings annually makes a draft on our recruiting office in the Church militant for a reinforcement of the Church triumphant. This draft takes from us about thirty-three thousand members a year. Our Church records also suffer from the enterprise of our itinerant people, thousands going into new States and Territories where their names are lost to us. But, notwithstanding this, our gain in lay membership in the quadrennium has been 380,000, making a total membership, including probationers, of 2,766,656. For this glorious spiritual success we are largely indebted under God to the fervor, zeal, fresh spiritual insight, and faithfulness even unto death of humble men toiling in lowly fields, often hungry and cold, enduring hardships known only to themselves and God. . . .

We congratulate the Church that within the past four years, as in all its previous history, there has come into it no division of sentiment with regard to its fundamental doctrines. This does not imply lack of thought. It implies that the truth has been rightly apprehended, that it authenticates itself to the mind and heart, and employs all its adherents in rapid progress. . . . The fundamental truth of Christianity is the affirmation, "God is love," and they that dwell in love dwell in God, and God in them. The sunrise of our Methodist day was not in the studies of Lincoln College, not in the Holy Club, not in the fastings, nor in the prayers and labors for the poor and imprisoned, but in Wesley himself, when his heart was "strangely warmed." Love is the fulfilling of the law. Love is the mainspring of the universe. Let this fact be fundamental in any man's experience, and he can follow his individual inclinations with perfect liberty. Let love be basal, and there is no fear of a man's going far astray. The working out of this truth in the lives of men must be a blessing. Hence, out of Methodist hearts "strangely warmed" have come some of the greatest movements of our day. And many more will come. Out of Methodist hearts "strangely warmed" with a thorough comprehension of the breadth and length and depth and height of the love of Christ can come a thousand rendings of the veil of sectarian and racial narrowness, a thousand open visions into the mind of God, a thousand new agencies for the spread of his truth.

JAMES M. THOBURN,
India and Malaysia.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
Africa.

JOSEPH C. HARTZELL,
Africa.

THE MISSIONARY BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

[*From a photograph taken in the Chapel of the Book Concern, New York city.*]

Episcopal Record.

SINCE its organization at the Christmas Conference of 1784 the Church has had forty-nine bishops. The present Episcopal Board numbers twenty-one, including three missionary bishops. Of these four were elected in 1872, three in 1880, five in 1884, six in 1888, and three in 1896. By action of the General Con-

Consecrated.	NAMES.	BORN.	ENTER'D MINISTRY		REMARKS.
			Conference.	Y'r.	
1784	Thomas Coke	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 66.
1784	Francis Asbury	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1767	Died in Va., Mar. 31, 1816, aged 70.
1800	Richard Whatcoat	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	Died in Del., July 5, 1806, aged 70.
1808	William McKendree	July 6, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	Died in Tenn., Mar. 5, 1835, ag'd 77.
1816	Enoch George	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	Died in Va., Aug. 23, 1828, aged 60.
1816	Robert R. Roberts	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore	1802	Died in Ind., Mar. 26, 1843, aged 64.
1824	Joshua Soule	Aug. 1, 1781	New Eng.	1799	Bish. M.E.Ch., S'h, '46; d. Mar. 6, '67.
1824	Elijah Hedding	June 7, 1780	New York	1801	D. in Po'keepsie, Ap. 9, '52, ag'd 71.
1832	James O. Andrew	Jan. 7, 1794	S. Carolina	1812	Bish. M.E.Ch., S'h, '46, d. Mar. 2, '71.
1832	John Emory	April 11, 1789	Philadelp'a	1810	Died in Md., Dec. 16, 1835, aged 46.
1836	Beverly Waugh	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore	1809	Died in Md., Feb. 9, 1858, aged 68.
1836	Thomas A. Morris	April 28, 1794	Ohio	1816	Died in O., Sept. 2, 1874, aged 80.
1844	Leonidas L. Hamline	May 10, 1797	Ohio	1833	Resigned '52; d. in O., Mar. 23, '65.
1844	Edmund S. Janes	April 28, 1807	Philadelp'a	1830	D. in N. Y. city, Sept. 18, '76, ag. 69.
1852	Levi Scott	Oct. 11, 1802	Philadelp'a	1826	D. in Odessa, Del., July 13, '82, a. 79.
1852	Matthew Simpson	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1833	Died in Phila., June 18, '84, aged 72.
1852	Osmon C. Baker	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	D. in Conc'd, N.H., Dec. 20, '71, a. 59.
1852	Edward R. Ames	May 20, 1806	Illinois	1830	D. in Baltimore, Apr. 25, '79, a. 72.
1864	Davis W. Clark	Feb. 25, 1812	New York	1843	D. in Cincinnati, May 23, '71, a. 59.
1864	Edward Thomson	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio	1832	D. in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
1864	Calvin Kingsley	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	D. in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
1872	Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	College Pres. when elected.
1872	William L. Harris	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan	1837	D. in N. Y. city, Sept. 2, '87, aged 69.
1872	Randolph S. Foster	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	Pres. Theo. Sem'y when elected.
1872	Isaac W. Wiley	Mar. 29, 1825	Philadelp'a	1849	D. in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, '84.
1872	Stephen M. Merrill	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	Editor when elected.
1872	Edward G. Andrews	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	Pastor when elected.
1872	Gilbert Haven	Sept. 19, 1821	N. England	1851	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
1872	Jesse T. Peck	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	D. in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
1880	Henry W. Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	N. England	1855	Pastor when elected.
1880	Cyrus D. Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	College Pres. when elected.
1880	John F. Hurst	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1858	Pres. Theo. Sem'y when elected.
1880	Erastus O. Haven	Nov. 1, 1820	New York	1848	D. in Salem, Ore., Aug. 2, '81, a. 60.
1884	William X. Ninde	June 21, 1832	Black River	1856	Pres. Bib. Inst. when elected.
1884	John M. Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	Book Agent when elected.
1884	Willard F. Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	N. England	1858	Presiding Elder when elected.
1884	Charles H. Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	Missionary Sec'y when elected.
1888	John H. Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	Sec'y S. S. Union when elected.
1888	James N. FitzGerald	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	Rec. Miss. Sec'y when elected.
1888	Isaac W. Joyce	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	Pastor when elected.
1888	John P. Newman	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	Pastor when elected.
1888	Daniel A. Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	Sec'y Board of Ed. when elected.
1896	Charles C. McCabe	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	Missionary Sec'y when elected.
1896	Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1867	Book Agent when elected.
1858	Francis Burns*	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia	1838	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
1866	John W. Roberts	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	Died in Liberia, Jan. 30, 1875.
1884	William Taylor	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	Local Preacher when elected.
1888	James M. Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	Presiding Elder when elected.
1896	Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Cent. Ill.	1868	Sec'y So. Ed. Soc. when elected.

ference of 1896, Bishops Bowman, Foster, and Taylor were declared non-effective. The accompanying table gives the complete list of bishops, with various important facts.

*Bishops Burns, Roberts, Taylor, and Hartzell, Missionary Bishops for Africa; Bishop Thoburn, Missionary Bishop for India and Malaysia.

Residences and Addresses.—The General Conference quadrennially fixes the several places of episcopal residence; the individual location of the bishops is determined by choice, according to their seniority in office. The present episcopal residences and addresses are as follows:

Thomas Bowman, D.D., LL.D., 3966 Delmar Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.
R. S. Foster, D.D., LL.D., Roxbury, Mass.
S. M. Merrill, D.D., LL.D., 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.
E. G. Andrews, D.D., LL.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city, N. Y.
H. W. Warren, D.D., LL.D., University Park, Colo.
C. D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., 2043 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. F. Hurst, D.D., LL.D., Washington, D. C.
W. X. Ninde, D.D., LL.D., 59 Ledyard Street, Detroit, Mich.
J. M. Walden, D.D., LL.D., 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.
W. F. Mallalieu, D.D., LL.D., Boston, Mass.
C. H. Fowler, D.D., LL.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
J. H. Vincent, D.D., LL.D., Topeka, Kan.
J. N. FitzGerald, D.D., LL.D., 1505 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.
I. W. Joyce, D.D., LL.D., 1115 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
J. P. Newman, D.D., LL.D., 1037 Market Street, San Francisco, Cal.
D. A. Goodsell, D.D., LL.D., Chattanooga, Tenn.
C. C. McCabe, D.D., LL.D., Fort Worth, Tex.
Earl Cranston, D.D., LL.D., Portland, Ore.
William Taylor, D.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city, N. Y.
J. M. Thoburn, D.D., LL.D., Bombay, India.
J. C. Hartzell, D.D., LL.D., Vivi, Congo, Africa.

Annual Conferences of 1897.

One hundred and forty-five annual organizations are included in the plan of episcopal visitation at the beginning of 1897. They are divided into three groups, as follows:

I. **Conferences.**—Of these there are one hundred and twenty-four. This includes Black Hills and Western Norwegian-Danish, which became Conferences in 1896; and also the Atlanta Conference, which was organized January, 1896, by the division of the Savannah Conference. The South Dakota Conference at its last session became the Dakota Conference.

II. **Mission Conferences.**—Of these there are nine. This enumeration includes the Congo and the Hinghua Mission Conferences; and also the Atlantic Mission Conference, organized September, 1896.

III. **Missions.**—Of these there are twelve. This estimate includes the Navajo Mission.

In the case of a few of the Fall Conferences the statistics of 1895 are necessarily inserted, as the figures of 1896 have not been received; in these instances the statistics are included in brackets. The grand totals, as well as the returns from the individual Conferences, agree with those of the *General Min-*

utcs. The figures of the Atlanta Conference are this year included with those of the Savannah Conference:

SPRING CONFERENCES.	Ministers in Full Connection and on Trial.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members and Probationers.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.
Alabama	63	124	9,017	130	753	6,223	167	$138,400	10	$4,145
Arkansas	49	111	5,878	59	501	3,363	88	133,465	33	14,055
Atlanta	...	...	.....	....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Baltimore	227	140	47,855	426	7,504	53,728	411	3,453,035	125	427,350
Bengal-Burmah	26	19	2,382	69	162	2,566	1[illegible]	44,371	15	23,957
Bombay	28	44	2,209	184	283	7,730	20	44,484	16	35,114
Cent. Alabama	84	228	10,253	154	834	6,418	147	103,010	37	12,270
Cent. Missouri	95	82	7,792	111	784	4,833	127	133,965	56	22,257
Central Penn	271	151	66,940	594	9,665	71,745	570	2,563,485	179	416,500
Delaware	137	195	19,689	259	2,494	15,502	252	401,474	69	46,522
East German	59	41	5,482	69	1,097	8,169	64	699,900	42	155,700
East Maine	109	42	10,592	202	2,001	11,741	148½	500,271	74	95,925
Florida	56	138	5,646	102	632	4,495	91	80,754	20	10,148
Georgia	28	55	3,456	61	335	2,301	84	52,088	9	3,875
Kansas	172	110	27,527	257	3,452	24,568	230	676,750	103	127,890
Lexington	111	143	10,997	143	986	6,314	148	276,550	51	24,400
Liberia	35	62	4,931	84	510	2,837	42	53,684	8	6,040
Little Rock	76	132	4,901	119	605	4,054	90	43,015	24	7,500
Louisiana	119	522	14,418	241	1,497	10,914	217	277,738	108	36,097
Maine	123	49	12,904	159	1,895	13,092	144	645,250	78	126,150
Mexico	31	29	4,385	63	120	1,962	28	112,500	19	145,200
Mississippi	92	261	17,705	224	1,205	11,135	217	186,414	55	18,490
Missouri	157	108	27,542	296	3,765	23,117	330	531,265	97	85,075
New England	282	177	46,274	271	6,128	47,147	247	4,517,600	146	534,450
New Eng. So	200	76	25,556	207	3,926	26,729	202	1,775,778	126	307,100
New Hampshire	136	68	15,903	152	2,162	15,051	133½	835,500	91	163,450
New Jersey	221	246	54,693	360	7,349	53,120	336	3,060,723	175	472,050
New York	323	161	59,691	447	6,772	45,990	423½	5,625,250	221	831,280
New York East	321	252	65,032	331	7,877	65,141	325	6,493,790	207	973,250
Newark	237	157	48,207	337	6,358	47,485	296	3,243,500	157	594,950
North Dakota	71	32	5,107	126	1,005	6,689	86	191,800	44	34,551
North India	97	231	35,414	1,019	1,388	35,806	108	63,982	157	60,084
North Indiana	264	259	57,944	465	7,173	50,519	473	1,422,973	145	204,300
No. New York	227	77	31,136	331	4,803	30,667	299½	1,442,800	173	257,800
N. W. India	54	133	28,473	861	793	27,530	69	56,828	16	11,267
N. W. Kansas	111	70	15,130	199	2,132	13,477	120	228,100	75	32,600
Philadelphia	321	367	73,138	401	10,209	88,437	385	6,041,354	180	761,280
St. John's River	28	11	1,146	28	233	1,223	29	155,650	9	30,600
St. Louis	170	166	31,734	256	3,317	25,805	296	1,072,423	97	129,500
Savannah	50	397	21,247	269	1,714	14,958	239	234,110	53	20,305
South America	59	58	4,009	68	418	4,445	22	201,456	5	31,720
South Carolina	155	428	43,968	404	2,706	26,039	351	326,920	85	40,485
South India	31	17	1,082	94	208	3,812	15	25,771	16	25,227
South Kansas	145	118	27,312	262	3,402	23,148	253	461,900	94	76,750
S. W. Kansas	148	109	25,525	253	3,337	22,336	184	414,123	81	61,642
Troy	283	113	49,296	374	5,963	41,202	342	2,329,050	217	404,550
Up'r Mississippi	123	366	19,928	249	1,362	12,240	231	112,510	43	12,211
Vermont	127	65	12,737	189	2,192	13,826	147	542,750	101	136,800
Virginia	55	83	9,857	184	1,203	7,029	149	140,550	23	19,375
Washington	143	288	31,057	364	2,999	23,501	318	835,736	71	67,100
Wilmington	178	121	42,730	392	6,335	44,365	390	158,250	134	274,250
Wyoming	271	165	45,694	440	6,518	43,413	377	2,085,960	184	370,650
MISSION CONF.										
Gulf	15	6	739	14	113	652	7	8,400	1	700
Malaysia	20	14	422	48	75	1,274	2	9,000	1	1,500
Total	7,014	7,612	1,252,725	13,381	151,250	1,159,563	10489	55,266,385	4,356	8,786,707

FALL CONFERENCES.	Ministers in Full Connection and on Trial.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members and Probationers.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.
Austin	[27	26	2,367	47	334	2,318	29	$174,450]	16	$15,300
Black Hills	23	11	1,234	32	262	1,686	24	45,075	9	8,800
Blue Ridge	64	67	8,497	142	792	7,292	151	81,450	19	5,760
California	232	140	19,232	264	3,079	21,475	217	1,225,410	119	160,630
Cal. German	18	15	948	20	199	991	19	110,200	13	22,140
Cen. German	146	69	14,885	160	2,494	12,957	176	865,360	93	175,500
Cent. Illinois	235	119	36,084	364	4,711	34,424	381	1,330,000	170	235,400
Cent. N. Y.	264	108	39,712	344	5,325	35,714	299	1,732,875	186	312,950
Cent. Ohio	230	143	49,077	428	7,016	47,584	416	1,384,650	124	187,875
Cent. Sw'dish	50	44	5,410	49	673	4,229	48	331,850	23	69,900
Cent. Tenn	57	61	6,972	94	571	4,299	132	93,659	24	12,690
Chicago Ger.	91	55	9,013	126	1,657	7,784	120	459,268	62	98,900
Cincinnati	222	148	53,895	358	6,062	42,438	368	2,017,100	121	315,970
Colorado	122	74	13,416	148	1,952	15,145	105	887,050	48	86,940
C'l'mbia Riv.	98	68	8,406	149	1,429	9,000	99	207,100	54	34,280
Dakota	91	54	9,413	204	1,934	11,409	135	273,080	59	49,770
Des Moines	265	169	50,286	460	6,325	44,439	435	1,133,400	178	205,025
Detroit	372	218	51,377	579	7,930	48,399	474	2,173,643	224	334,774
East Ohio	267	176	69,390	561	8,924	59,810	548	2,695,550	142	303,200
East Tenn.	49	[57	4,858	99	717	4,598	74	119,540	19	6,700]
Erie	224	149	44,732	460	6,258	41,489	433	1,534,650	162	247,055
Foochow	[94	181	7,191	155	....	4,616	90	42,345	....	.....]
Genesee	287	145	42,323	421	6,241	45,641	368	2,405,446	214	425,740
Holston	103	147	24,436	262	2,065	16,081	311	394,100	29	18,950
Idaho	27	11	1,385	29	251	1,730	22	62,250	13	8,125
Illinois	370	189	64,360	561	7,740	53,474	555	1,949,125	213	313,975
Indiana	333	286	89,959	739	8,892	61,967	768	1,804,880	180	196,125
Iowa	178	87	31,977	329	3,941	25,509	328	800,000	111	141,925
Italy	22	13	1,890	18	78	834	9	27,000	8	25,460
Japan	89	33	4,337	126	430	6,310	44	20,290	17	2,952
Kentucky	109	164	24,616	219	1,856	13,092	283	503,621	41	59,495
Michigan	399	229	52,766	650	8,544	55,570	529	1,568,550	243	227,785
Minnesota	154	67	16,182	236	2,605	18,081	198	767,600	93	130,825
Montana	59	16	2,779	58	511	4,343	44	137,200	29	33,855
Nebraska	170	110	25,307	253	3,366	24,275	239	623,868	107	91,338
N. Carolina	77	98	10,137	166	992	8,326	136	85,466	26	6,900
N. China	68	....	5,676	43	..	2,331	35	42,200	24	62,360
N. Germany	52	26	6,421	130	620	7,071	50	481,250	15	.....
N. Nebraska	118	53	14,435	189	2,142	14,437	136	473,745	75	74,730
N. Ohio	231	79	35,393	323	4,945	32,795	319	1,246,550	105	148,000
N'rn German	73	40	5,859	112	1,282	5,130	93	245,875	45	62,550
N'rn Minn.	134	55	12,369	186	1,931	15,515	151	756,400	54	63,950
N.W. Germ'n	61	50	4,759	94	1,048	4,692	70	146,800	39	48,300
N.W.Indiana	177	107	40,337	360	4,918	36,938	347	984,250	106	143,825
N. W. Iowa	184	79	24,047	287	3,377	24,972	227	594,950	126	138,185
N. W. Neb.	25	9	2,360	49	417	2,691	28	32,660	18	9,150
Norway	70	63	5,449	55	533	5,681	45	213,616	3	19,364
Norw. & Dan.	67	66	5,092	92	778	4,164	84	239,050	39	50,800
Ohio	256	176	71,145	598	8,210	56,240	592	1,792,400	143	230,275
Oklahoma	84	113	8,745	155	1,098	6,752	91	85,630	34	12,380
Oregon	107	90	11,191	148	1,628	10,698	123	509,000	54	76,020
Pittsburg	207	106	55,864	390	6,215	50,611	378	3,562,988	83	307,700
Puget Sound	115	[70	9,240	147	1,550	10,127	118	297,755	60	54,850]
Rock River	320	227	51,370	412	7,395	60,552	373	4,075,365	180	417,450
St. Louis Ger.	137	104	11,523	153	2,146	9,950	162	500,800	91	128,350
S. California	147	83	15,428	147	2,079	15,612	119	631,115	64	109,025
S. Germany	45	26	6,450	192	625	8,231	50	27,950	5	16,250
S. Illinois	212	155	39,092	441	5,132	36,696	459	719,101	135	119,425
So. German	36	25	2,452	45	419	2,032	46	89,120	26	24,395
Sweden	103	131	16,725	205	1,269	18,064	120	373,031	11	8,980
Switzerland	50	8	7,537	223	1,244	17,111	35	268,520	9	40,220
Tennessee	70	162	10,272	134	850	7,059	124	103,071	24	9,705
Texas	[126	207	14,703	214	1,321	9,818	194	220,995	71	25,780]
Upper Iowa	278	98	36,801	325	4,343	31,535	330	1,283,675	157	226,471
W. German	109	74	6,746	128	1,418	6,630	113	248,550	67	72,285

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W. Nebraska	86	39	9,830	181	1,697	10,828	105	$148,975	49	$30,550
W. Texas	[88	192	10,795	168	968	9,037	131	121,296	48	11,265]
W. Virginia	213	254	50,820	734	6,896	44,198	609	885,066	125	161,470
W Wisconsin	181	125	22,703	372	3,572	24,313	308	729,470	117	143,250
W. Nor.-Dan.	27	9	709	24	122	692	34	104,150	19	13,497
W. Swedish	31	34	2,232	44	378	2,373	40	86,225	20	20,600
Wisconsin	204	75	22,058	282	3,403	23,693	250	1,158,050	127	233,450
MISSION CONFERENCES.										
Atlantic	9	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....
Bulgaria	15	1	218	11	38	279	7	17,400	6	13,587
N. Mex.-Span.	29	4	2,371	36	78	984	23	32,500	20	21,300
N. Pac. Ger.	19	6	878	25	196	858	23	45,475	12	19,300
N. Swedish	38	30	2,689	63	399	2,520	60	131,870	25	30,400
MISSIONS.										
Arizona	....	5	759	26	182	1,412	15	81,900	8	13,250
Cent. China	....	[14	854	20	80	999	17	22,275	10	27,850]
Denmark	....	14	2,955	33	278	3,707	17	135,126	11	33,102
Finland & St. Petersburg	....	13	832	20	73	1,091	4	10,891	2	3,530
Korea	....	5	817	7	24	512	1	1,705	....	.....
Nevada	....	8	1,248	44	401	2,644	33	66,450	21	19,500
N. Mex. Eng.	....	1	823	17	160	1,263	13	43,425	8	13,100
N. Montana	....	5	801	30	216	1,646	15	37,400	12	13,125
Utah	....	9	1,334	25	213	2,031	20	132,650	5	9,200
West China	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....
Wyoming	....	2	913	19	186	1,134	16	69,000	6	8,600
Fall Conf's	10,220	7,074	1,572,969	17,468	204,649	1,447,678	15,360	54,374,806	5,703	8,093,710
Spring "	7,014	7,612	1,252,725	13,381	151,250	1,159,563	10,489	55,266,385	4,356	8,786,707
Grand Total.	17,234	14,686	2,825,694	30,849	355,899	2,607,241	25,849	109,641,191	10,059	16,880,417
Totals, '95.	17,026	14,896	2,766,656	30,264	344,844	2,580,973	25,383	107,960,374	9,813	16,649,392
Increase	208	....	59,038	585	11,055	26,268	466	1,680,817	246	231,025
Decrease	....	210	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....

Additional Summaries.

Ministerial.—Traveling preachers on trial, 1,855 (decrease 46); effective, 12,326 (increase 302); supernumerary, 977 (decrease 67); superannuated, 2,076 (increase 19); total, as per preceding table, 17,234. Withdrawn, located, and expelled, 137 (decrease 30); died, 258 (increase 16).

Lay Membership.—Deaths during the year, 35,083 (increase 1,765). On probation, 305,456 (decrease 6,555); in full membership, 2,520,238 (increase 65,593); net increase, as per above table, 59,038.

Baptisms.—Children, 88,360 (decrease 9,761); adults, 118,315 (decrease 20,941).

The totals of the benevolent contributions of the Church, for the current year, and the totals for ministerial support and church indebtedness are not available as the YEAR BOOK goes to press—since they have not yet been fully

prepared for the *General Minutes*, from which it is customary to quote them. In the second edition of the YEAR BOOK they will be fully inserted.—ED.

Methodism by States and Territories.

THE following statistics* give the geographical distribution of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, according to the census figures of 1890. No more recent tabulation has since been made:

STATES, ETC.	No. of Organizations.	Church Edifices.	Seating Capacity.	Halls, etc.	Seating Cap'city.	Value of Church Property.	Communicants or Members.
Alabama	318	289	72,580	21	2,000	$248,300	18,517
Arizona	12	11	3,550	1	75	46,100	320
Arkansas	226	167	38,243	54	7,485	162,360	10,076
California	337	306	93,110	45	7,505	2,053,371	25,527
Colorado	90	77	23,314	17	3,905	931,900	8,560
Connecticut	219	217	67,527	5	955	2,123,380	29,411
Delaware	187	188	49,455	4	550	956,300	20,412
District of Columbia	30	29	20,450	1	25	772,500	9,630
Florida	117	105	22,620	7	575	219,000	5,739
Georgia	320	302	73,415	18	1,875	255,940	25,400
Idaho	31	26	5,225	11	680	69,200	941
Illinois	1,903	1,779	523,698	133	15,425	7,046,785	165,191
Indiana	1,618	1,585	453,035	25	2,070	4,243,180	162,989
Indian Territory	32	15	3,925	17	2,500	9,750	838
Iowa	1,342	1,215	317,406	111	10,030	3,344,245	111,426
Kansas	1,249	734	179,230	511	41,989	1,912,015	83,288
Kentucky	435	341	77,400	74	10,010	762,090	29,172
Louisiana	218	191	39,500	25	1,545	303,302	15,073
Maine	355	289	87,301	48	5,159	1,152,875	22,996
Maryland	925	887	234,856	32	3,320	3,771,717	82,069
Massachusetts	394	382	153,722	12	1,975	5,180,825	58,477
Michigan	1,085	894	250,747	148	12,110	3,739,850	86,958
Minnesota	534	423	92,400	109	7,970	1,725,843	30,837
Mississippi	398	388	81,088	7	200	245,624	31,142
Missouri	905	741	199,044	135	16,380	1,835,840	58,285
Montana	48	39	8,535	9	925	159,850	1,901
Nebraska	649	461	112,603	219	14,850	1,242,200	41,086
Nevada	12	12	2,700	...	.....	78,800	418
New Hampshire	134	129	40,505	3	365	614,350	12,354
New Jersey	579	554	185,485	30	2,625	5,009,075	82,955
New Mexico	32	21	4,625	1	150	71,200	1,750
New York	2,123	2,038	614,501	98	7,635	16,944,350	242,492
North Carolina	287	238	64,487	44	8,745	195,645	16,433
North Dakota	131	61	11,100	71	5,605	139,985	4,804
Ohio	2,340	2,296	685,319	39	4,545	8,749,970	240,650
Oklahoma	36	13	3,100	23	3,775	21,400	1,324
Oregon	203	150	34,430	51	4,420	614,625	9,436
Pennsylvania	2,042	1,931	595,734	110	10,375	12,642,104	222,886
Rhode Island	39	37	16,835	3	475	495,000	6,064
South Carolina	335	337	81,810	...	.....	202,235	43,200
South Dakota	254	139	31,674	109	7,590	375,260	11,371
Tennessee	609	548	146,470	55	8,080	605,460	42,873
Texas	407	345	73,790	45	3,925	592,835	27,453
Utah	31	29	6,205	2	50	223,650	1,048
Vermont	228	195	55,851	17	1,160	758,800	17,268
Virginia	316	270	42,925	46	5,060	329,144	16,764
Washington	200	146	37,230	49	4,095	652,425	11,592
West Virginia	827	629	146,960	193	18,350	902,153	48,925
Wisconsin	706	623	134,913	82	6,030	1,791,900	41,360
Wyoming	13	11	2,190	3	310	48,700	773
Total	25,861	22,844	6,302,708	2,873	275,444	$96,723,408	2,240,354

* Prepared by H. K. Carroll, LL.D., Special Census Agent.

General Conference Secretaries.

THE names of those who served in this office are not recorded in the *Journals* previous to 1800. Since then they have been as follows :

1800. Nicholas Snethen, of the Baltimore Conference; Pastor.
1804. John Wilson, New York Conference ; Editor and Assistant Book Agent.
1808. William P. Chandler, of the Philadelphia Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1812. Daniel Hitt, of the New York Conference; Editor and Book Agent.
1816. Louis R. Fechtig, of the Baltimore Conference ; Pastor.
1820. Alexander McCaine, of the New York Conference ; Pastor.
1824. John Emory, of the New York Conference; Book Agent at New York.
1828. Martin Ruter, of the Ohio Conference ; Book Agent at Cincinnati.
1832. Thomas L. Douglass, of the Tennessee Conference ; Supernumerary.
1836. Thomas L. Douglass, of the Tennessee Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1840. John A. Collins, of the Baltimore Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1844. Thomas B. Sargent, of the Baltimore Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1848. Joseph M. Trimble, of the Ohio Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1852. Joseph M. Trimble, of the Ohio Conference ; Presiding Elder.
1856. William L. Harris, of the North Ohio Conference ; College Professor.
1860. William L. Harris, of the Delaware Conference ; College Professor.
1864. William L. Harris, Central Ohio Conference ; Missionary Secretary.
1868. William L. Harris, Central Ohio Conference ; Missionary Secretary.
1872. William L. Harris, of the Central Ohio Conference ; elected Bishop. After May 23 G. W. Woodruff, New York East Conference ; Pastor.
1876. George W. Woodruff, of the Providence Conference ; Pastor.
1880. George W. Woodruff, of the New York East Conference ; Pastor.
1884-1892. David S. Monroe, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference ; Pastor.
1896. David S. Monroe, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference ; Presiding Elder.

Secretaries of the Annual Conferences.

THE following list includes the names and post office addresses of these officers of the Annual Conferences for the current year:

Alabama, G. E. Ackerman, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Arizona Mission, G. L. Pearson, Prescott, Ariz.
Arkansas, J. R. Hankins, Bentonville, Ark.
Atlanta (the same as Savannah).
Atlantic Mission Conference, W. Q. A. Graham, Supt., Newbern, N. C.
Austin, C. E. Giddings, Boonsville, Tex.*
Baltimore, G. E. Maydwell, 412 West Mulberry Street, Baltimore, Md.
Bengal-Burmah, W. P. Byers, Asansol, India.
Black Hills Conference, E. E. Lymer, Hot Springs, S. Dak.
Blue Ridge, A. Graybeal, Montezuma, N. C.
Bombay, W. E. Robbins, Igatpuri, India.*
Bulgaria Mission Conference, Stephen Thomoff, Rustchuk, Bulgaria.
California, A. H. Needham, Pacific Grove, Cal.

* Name and address of Conference before the last.

California German, Fred. Bonn, 741 Filbert Street, San Francisco, Cal.
Central Alabama, J. S. Todd, Gadsden, Ala.
Central China Mission, R. O. Irish, Kiukiang, China.*
Central German, J. H. Horst, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Central Illinois, H. K. Metcalf, Geneseo, Ill.
Central Missouri, J. A. Dorsey, Sedalia, Mo.
Central New York, E. M. Mills, 408 West Clinton Street, Elmira, N. Y.
Central Ohio, C. W. Taneyhill, Wapakoneta, O.
Central Pennsylvania, T. S. Wilcox, Shamokin, Pa.
Central Swedish, J. A. Gabrielson, Andover, Ill.
Central Tennessee, G. W. Nackles, Huntington, Tenn.
Chicago German, C. F. Morf, 312 Maxwell Street, Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati, S. O. Royal, Troy, O.
Colorado, H. L. Beardsley, Denver, Colo.
Columbia River, Henry Brown, Lewiston, Ida.
Dakota, J. P. Jenkins, Madison, S. Dak.
Delaware, J. H. Scott, 145 Sheffield Street, Newark, N. J.
Denmark Mission, C. J. M. Thaarup, Holstebro, Denmark.
Des Moines, William Stevenson, Shelby, Ia.
Detroit, J. E. Jacklin, 269 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.
East German, Paul Quattlander, 140 East 103d Street, New York city.
East Maine, C. A. Plumer, Thomaston, Me.
East Ohio, J. R. Keys, Cambridge, O.
East Tennessee, R. J. Buckner, Wytheville, Va.
Erie, A. A. Rich, Du Bois, Pa.
Finland and St. Petersburg Mission, G. A. Hiden, Tammerfors, Finland.
Florida, J. P. Patterson, Gainesville, Fla.
Foochow, N. J. Plumb, Foochow, China.*
Genesee, E. P. Hubbell, 64 Howard Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
Georgia, R. H. Robb, Atlanta, Ga.
Gulf Mission Conference, C. K. Woodson, Baldwin, La.
Holston, J. H. Amis, Clinton, Tenn.
Idaho, G. O. Richardson, Haines, Ore.
Illinois, R. G. Hobbs, Jacksonville, Ill.
Indiana, R. A. Kemp, Vevay, Ind.
Iowa, C. L. Stafford, Mount Pleasant, Ia.
Italy, Aristide Frizziero, Modena, Italy.
Japan, J. W. Wadman, Tokyo, Japan.
Kansas, Edwin Locke, 218 Seventh Street, Kansas City, Kan.
Kentucky, Daniel Stevenson, Barboursville, Ky.
Korea Mission, H. G. Appenzeller, Seoul, Korea.
Lexington, E. A. White, 964 West Ninth Street, Cincinnati, O.
Liberia, W. T. Hagan, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.
Little Rock, Thomas Mason, Little Rock, Ark.
Louisiana, A. E. P. Albert Gilbert, Academy, Baldwin, La.
Maine, W. F. Berry, Waterville, Me.
Malaysia Mission Conference, W. G. Shellabear, Singapore, Straits Settlement.
Mexico, W. C. Evans, Box 291, City of Mexico.
Michigan, P. J. Maveety, 292 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson, Mich.
Minnesota, W. S. Cochrane, Red Wing, Minn.
Mississippi, A. D. Payne, Yazoo City, Miss.
Missouri, J. W. Anderson, Chillicothe, Mo.
Montana, Philip Lowry,† Helena, Mont.
Nebraska, A. A. Randall, Fairbury, Neb.
Nevada Mission, E. F. Brown, Winnemucca, Nev.
New England, James Mudge, Lowell, Mass.
New England Southern, S. O. Benton, 258 Ridge Street, Fall River, Mass.
New Hampshire, S. E. Quimby, Penacook, N. H.
New Jersey, J. L. Roe, Bridgeton, N. J.
New Mexico English Mission, Adolph Hoffman, El Paso, Tex.*

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*Name and address of Conference before the last.
†Deceased. G. D. King, Assistant Secretary, Townsend, Mont.

New Mexico Spanish Mission Conference, J. B. Sanchez, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
New York, C. W. Millard, Tremont, New York city, N. Y.
New York East, G. P. Mains, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.
Newark, J. F. Dodd, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.
North Carolina, R. W. S. Thomas, Greensboro, N. C.
North China, I. T. Headland, Peking, China.*
North Dakota, A. T. Foster, Wahpeton, N. Dak.
North Germany, Heinrich Burkhardt, Berlin, Germany.
North India, W. A. Mansell, Lucknow, India.*
North Indiana, L. J. Naftzger, Richmond, Ind.
North Montana Mission, George Logan, Choteau, Mont.
North Nebraska, D. C. Winship, South Omaha, Neb.
North Ohio, William Kepler, Clyde, O.
North Pacific German Mission Conference, M. A. Dehuff, 514 Webster Avenue. Spokane, Wash.
Northern German, E. J. Funk, 1488 Capitol Avenue, Hamline, Minn.
Northern Minnesota, J. B. Hingeley, 718 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.
Northern New York, C. C. Townsend, Malone, N. Y.
Northern Swedish Mission Conference, J. W. Swenson, Red Wing, Minn.
Northwest German, E. E. Schuette, Charles City, Ia.
Northwest India, J. C. Lawson, Aligarh, India.*
Northwest Indiana, J. A. Maxwell, Attica, Ind.
Northwest Iowa, D. M. Yetter, Algona, Ia.
Northwest Kansas, T. J. H. Taggart, Mankato, Kan.
Northwest Nebraska, C. H. Burleigh, Ainsworth, Neb.
Norway, J. Thorkildsen, Fredriksstad, Norway.
Norwegian and Danish, L. A. Larsen, Racine, Wis.
Ohio, D. Y. Murdoch, Chillicothe, O.
Oklahoma, H. A. Doty, El Reno, Ok. Ter.
Oregon, C. A. Lewis, Portland, Ore.
Philadelphia, J. R. T. Gray, 723 Madison Street, Chester, Pa.
Pittsburg, N. P. Kerr, 95 Twenty-fourth Street, Pittsburg, S. S., Pa.
Puget Sound, W. S. Harrington, Seattle, Wash.
Rock River, J. W. Richards, Freeport, Ill.
Saint John's River, L. J. Hole, Orange City, Fla.
Saint Louis, William Stephens, Belton, Mo.
Saint Louis German, G. B. Addicks, Warrenton, Mo.
Savannah, M. C. B. Mason, South Atlanta, Ga.
South America, William Tallon, Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentina.
South Carolina, J. B. Middleton, Camden, S. C.
South Germany, Richard Wobith, Herrenberg, Würtemburg, Germany.
South India, W. L. King, Madras, India.*
South Kansas, J. M. Iliff, Mound City, Kan.
Southern California, H. J. Crist, Glendale, Cal.
Southern German, Carl Schuler, Brenham, Tex.*
Southern Illinois, J. W. Van Cleve, Mount Vernon, Ill.
Southwest Kansas, E. C. Beach, Wichita, Kan.
Sweden, J. M. Erikson, Stockholm, Sweden.
Switzerland, Leonhard Peter, Zurich, Switzerland.
Tennessee, J. A. W. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.
Texas, Frank Gary, Galveston, Tex.*
Troy, Edwin Genge, Newtonville, N. Y.
Upper Iowa, S. W. Heald, Anamosa, Ia.
Upper Mississippi, B. H. S. Ferguson, Starkville, Miss.
Utah Mission, J. D. Gillilan, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Vermont, W. R. Davenport, Barre, Vt.
Virginia, S. P. Shipman, Falls Church, Va.
Washington, E. W. S. Peck, 1338 29th Street W., Washington, D. C.
West China Mission, J. F. Peat, Chentu, China.*
West German, Charles Harms, Saint Joseph, Mo.
West Nebraska, O. R. Beebe, Minden, Neb.
West Texas, Andrew Foster, Columbus, Tex.*

*Name and address of Conference before the last.

West Virginia, Jeremiah Engle, Fairmount, W. Va.
West Wisconsin, J. T. Morgans, Monroe, Wis.
Western Norwegian-Danish Conference, Joseph Olsen, Box 44, Moscow, Ida.
Western Swedish, John Lundeen, 513 North Eighteenth Street, Omaha, Neb.
Wilmington, A. S. Mowbray, Elkton, Md.
Wisconsin, John Schneider, Neenah, Wis.
Wyoming, E. B. Olmstead, 28 Arthur Street, Binghamton, N. Y.
Wyoming Mission, F. S. Beggs, Evanston, Wyo.

Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THIS body was organized in 1864; it was incorporated under the laws of Ohio, and was rechartered in 1868. It is composed of six ministers and six laymen, elected quadrennially by the General Conference. The office is located at Cincinnati. The following are the present Board:

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1904. *Ministers:* J. M. Walden, Lewis Curts, D. H. Moore. *Laymen:* R. T. Miller, J. D. Hearne, W. F. Boyd. TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1900. *Ministers:* Luke Hitchcock, Earl Cranston, John Pearson. *Laymen:* J. N. Gamble, G. B. Johnson, William Newkirk. OFFICERS: *President*, J. M. Walden; *Secretary*, John Pearson; *Treasurer*, G. B. Johnson.

Vote on Constitutional Changes.

THE following is the tabulation of the vote of the Annual Conferences on the constitutional changes submitted to them during the previous quadrennium, as reported to the General Conference of 1896:

	Ayes.	Noes.
On Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation	2,894	6,138
On Change in Ratio of Ministerial Representation:		
(*a*) The General Conference proposition	3,053	4,599
(*b*) The South Carolina Conference alternative	4,174	3,904
(*c*) The Colorado Conference alternative	6,964	2,733
On Time of Meeting of General Conference	8,663	167
On Qualification of Lay Delegates [men or women]:		
(*a*) The General Conference proposition	474	3,648
(*b*) The Baltimore and Colorado Conferences proposition.	7,354	2,608

The Obligation of Methodism.

METHODISM has a profound responsibility to the coming century because God, from the beginning, called and anointed it for that most needed and Christlike work of the evangelization of the masses. . . . From the beginning it has been hurled at us now and then as a taunt by some Christian communions, which claim in some respects greater importance and power, that Methodism has always had a way of getting at the poor. Let us take the taunt and nail it to the masthead

as our glory; for the Church that gets the poor of to-day will have millionaires enough to-morrow to test its graces and to help on its work in the land.—*Bishop Foss.*

The General Conference of 1896.

This body met at Cleveland, O., May 1, 1896. The seating of certain women delegates occupied the first attention of the Conference. The following action was finally passed: "The challenge not having been judicially passed upon, those occupying the seats in question do so under a title in dispute, yet without prejudice to the rights of either challengers or challenged, and without establishing a precedent." By a two-thirds vote of the General Conference the subject was again referred for vote to the Annual Conferences meeting in the autumn of 1896 and the spring of 1897. The report of the Constitutional Commission, postponed from 1892, was taken up, deliberated, and a new commission was ordered [not yet appointed] to report to the General Conference of 1900. The subject of equal ministerial and lay representation was referred for vote to the Conferences of 1896 and 1897. The change in the time of meeting of the General Conference having passed the Annual Conferences by the requisite three-quarters vote, the General Conference concurred by the necessary two-thirds vote. The General Conference will therefore meet in 1900 and thereafter on the first Wednesday in May. Three new bishops were elected—one of them for the African field. A colored man was elected one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society—the first choice of one of his race to an elective office, other than the bishopric of Africa, in the history of the Church. The changes in Church law and order are to be found in the new Discipline of 1896. They include: (1) modifications of judicial administration; (2) an improved order for the guidance of the deaconess work; (3) a new chapter on the support of Conference claimants; (4) the authorization of new ritual forms, (*a*) for the reception of probationers, (*b*) for the consecration of deaconesses; (5) modifications in the order of public worship. The General Conference adjourned on Thursday, May 28, 1896.

III.

The Book Concern.

The pleasant books, that silently among
Our household treasures take familiar places,
And are to us as if a living tongue
Spake from the printed leaves or pictured faces.
—*Longfellow.*

SINCE the establishment of the Book Concern at Philadelphia, in 1789, the Methodist Episcopal Church has sacredly cherished its publishing interests, justly regarding Christian literature as one of the great agencies for the spread of the kingdom of God among men. The early itinerants of the Church acted as the first salesmen for the Book Concern, carrying its scanty publications in their saddlebags about their circuits, with the understanding that it was "a part of their ministerial work to scatter them broadcast." The later ministry of the Church are still the field agents of our publishing houses, upon whom these houses depend for the widest circulation of Methodist books and periodical publications in the countless homes of the Church.

How great prosperity it has pleased God to send to the Book Concern—through its faithful representatives in the field and through other allied agencies—is seen in the gradual growth of its publishing houses to their present great proportions. From the small hired room, in which John Dickins began the sale of books at Philadelphia, the New York Concern has come through the intervening stages of the Crosby Street, Mulberry Street, and Broadway houses, to its present great building at 150 Fifth Avenue; the Cincinnati house has of late erected its commodious and finely equipped building for Book Concern use; and various depositories established through the United States still further increase the sales of the two central houses. Under such favorable circumstances the Book Concern enters upon the last quadrennium of the century, reasonably desiring to place its literature in the hands of all the millions of the adherents of Methodism, scattered through the many lands of earth.

The work of the Book Committee, quadrennially appointed to supervise the interests of the Book Concern, is constant and important. In the last report of the Committee to the General Conference of 1896 the following paragraphs of interest were included:

Who can measure the direct and indirect influences of our publications upon our people? They bring to their homes instruction, culture, and entertainment; they stimulate loyalty toward the pastor and liberality to all the great enterprises of the Church, and give material aid to all needy veterans. The Church's possibility of service through its publishing houses is the measure of its responsibility.

The General Catalogue of both houses shows that many valuable books are issued from our presses. They have a fair circulation among our ministers, but too limited a sale among our membership. The chief reason is, they are not immediately accessible. There is too great a chasm between the publishing house and its proper constituency. The fathers formerly bridged this chasm, but their sons and successors leave it wide open. It is difficult to crowd denominational literature into the general trade. Many books of permanent value, and many that would meet a present need, would certainly find a market if our people knew of their existence and worth. How to bring the products and the purchasers together is a problem worthy of thoughtful study. . . .

If a final word could emphasize the importance of our Book Concerns in the service they render the Church, we should be delighted to write it. Their great plants are monuments to the Church's enterprise in the chief cities of trade; many millions of pages of instructive and religious literature issue annually from their presses, and they are the studious servants of the entire membership, from those most exalted in acquisitions and position to the humblest and youngest; they reach out into great distances their strong arms, and support the weak, forming for them centers of material aid and influence until they can become self-supporting: their credit system has given Conference enterprises, having practically no capital, a beginning and then prosperity; they disburse annually to Conference claimants and varied Church interests an average of $150,000 in cash, never receiving yet always giving, ever ready to give instruction, entertainment, mental and spiritual stimulus, and material aid; in many ways strengthening the centers and extending the borders of our beloved Church and the Redeemer's kingdom.

Publishing House at New York.

The report of the Eastern house to the General Conference of 1896 included the following statements with reference to the financial stringency of the times and the present value of real estate belonging to the New York Concern:

The business of the Book Concern in the City of New York, in common with all business houses throughout the country, has suffered during the last four years from the general financial depression which began early in the quadrennium and is still severely felt. Our sales have fallen off very materially, greatly lessening the volume of our business and the amount of our profits. We have reason, however, for devout thanksgiving to God that we have been able from year to year to show a fair profit, and to continue the payment of large dividends to the Annual Conferences. . . . Very little change has been made in the appraised value of our real estate, except at Pittsburg, although our property at Fifth Avenue and Twentieth Street, New York, has increased in value at least forty per cent. By advice of the Local Committee, we sold our old property in Pittsburg and purchased lots on a more eligible site, upon which a new and commodious building has been erected. The old property was sold for $100,000. The new property cost us, for the lots and an eight-story fireproof building, $144,583. Before the completion of the building every part of its available space was rented to desirable tenants, and the yearly returns amount to over $9,000. The property, therefore, pays six per cent upon its cost, and gives the depository and the *Pittsburg Christain Advocate* all the room needed for their purposes rent free. The whole indebtedness, after the completion of the building, was $48,551.88. Not many years will be required, however, for the receipts from rentals to wipe out the entire indebtedness, and thereafter the property will be a source of handsome revenue to the Book Concern.

New York Subscription Department.—This was organized August 5, 1875; twenty-one publications have been issued and a million volumes sold.. Its superintendent is H. W. Knight.

Leading publications: *The People's Cyclopedia*, in six superroyal octavo volumes, 150,000 sets sold; Ridpath's *History of the World*, 100,000 sets sold; Ridpath's *Great Races of Mankind; What a Boy Saw in the Army*, 25,000 copies sold; and Bishop Taylor's *Story of My Life*, 20,000 copies of which were sold the first year of publication.

Publishing House at Cincinnati.

From the quadrennial report of the Agents at Cincinnati to the General Conference of 1896, the following extracts illustrate the outlook for the publishing interests of the Church in the West:

The comparative exhibit for the years 1891 and 1895 will be found very suggestive to those who are in the habit of analyzing and interpreting such statements. They will note especially the large reduction of over $52,000 in outstanding accounts, the equally cheering decrease of over $92,000 in liabilities, and the almost $150,000 increase of surplus represented by the special loans at interest. Taken in connection with the disbursements on dividend account, etc., of $265,621.70, these figures indicate a healthy growth and a hopeful outlook.

We gave our utmost care and diligence to the special trust confided to us, in connection with the Local Committee, in the erection of the new building in Cincinnati, the design for which was on exhibition at Omaha during the last General Conference. It is of modern construction, with steel framework, pressed brick exterior, and terra cotta decorations. With no extravagant or needless expenditure, we have a durable, convenient, well-lighted, handsomely finished business block, that is at once attractive and imposing, and an ornament to the prominent street on which it stands. Our total expenditure on this permanent improvement was about $160,000. The building is outfitted for the use of either gas or electric light; may be heated with only one pound pressure of exhaust steam; and is protected against expensive repairs by the use of indestructible material in the corridors, lavatories, and stairways. Thirty-three feet of the Fourth Street frontage being held on perpetual lease, at a fixed yearly rental, the wisdom of reconstructing the building thereon, so as to make that part of the property, if possible, self-supporting at least, will be readily apparent.

Depositories.

The following are the depositories of the New York house:

Boston, Mass.: 38 Bromfield Street.
Pittsburg, Pa.: 524 Penn Avenue.
San Francisco, Cal.: 1037 Market Street.
Detroit, Mich.: 269 Woodward Avenue.

The depositories of the Cincinnati house are as follows:

Chicago, Ill.: 57 Washington Street.
St. Louis, Mo.: 1505 Locust Street.

Quadrennial Sales.

Since the division of the Church in 1844 the sales of the two publishing houses at New York and Cincinnati have reached the following figures:

	Book Concern at New York.	Western Book Concern.	Total.
Quadrennial Report, May, 1848.....	$487,222 04	$125,413 65	$612,635 69
" " " 1852.....	653,190 78	200,829 53	854,020 31
" " " 1856.....	1,000,734 18	877,214 38	1,877,948 56
" " " 1860.....	1,175,867 29	1,127,851 00	2,303,718 29
" " " 1864.....	1,507,873 18	1,287,694 36	2,795,567 54
" " " 1868.....	2,535,199 77	2,399,508 43	4,934,708 20
" " " 1872.....	2,426,840 42	2,801,677 16	5,228,517 58
" " " 1876.....	3,215,612 57	2,830,096 67	6,045,709 24
" " " 1880.....	3,415,016 75	2,675,125 82	6,090,142 57
" " " 1884.....	3,534,595 75	2,920,891 53	6,455,487 28
" " " 1888.....	4,017,327 48	3,327,063 03	7,344,390 51
" " " 1892.....	4,235,203 78	3,951,233 75	8,186,437 53
" " " 1896.....	3,900,405 38	4,049,691 26	7,950,096 64
Total sales since 1848.....	$32,105,089 37	$28,574,290 57	$60,679,379 94

The Book Committee.

By enactment of the General Conference the "general supervision of the publishing interests of the Church" is committed to this body. Its functions are as follows:

It consists of one representative from each of the fourteen General Conference Districts, a Local Committee of three from New York or vicinity, and a Local Committee of three from Cincinnati or vicinity. It is elected quadrennially by the General Conference, and has power to fill vacancies in its membership. The annual meeting occurs on the second Wednesday of February. The Committee is divided into two sections of ten each. The Eastern Section consists of the members from the seven Eastern Districts with the Local Committee of three at New York; the Western Section comprises the representatives of the seven Western Districts and the Local Committee of three at Cincinnati.

To the Eastern Section "shall pertain the supervision of the Publishing House in New York;" the Western Section performs "the same duties for the Publishing House in Cincinnati." The three members from New York and vicinity constitute a local subcommittee, which meets monthly at the Book Rooms in New York and examines the transactions of the previous month. Its records are yearly submitted to the Eastern Section on the day before the annual meeting of the Book Committee. The local subcommittee at Cincinnati performs similar duties with reference to the affairs of the Western house.

Members.—The General Conference of 1896 elected the following as members of the Book Committee:

District.	Name.	Conference.
I.	S. O. Benton	New England Southern.
II.	Henry Spellmeyer	Newark.
III.	C. C. Wilbor	Central New York.
IV.	D. S. Hammond	West Virginia.
V.	W. F. Whitlock	North Ohio.
VI.	J. E. Wilson	South Carolina.
VII.	G. O. Robinson	Detroit.
VIII.	O. P. Miller	Northwest Iowa.
IX.	S. W. Trousdale	West Wisconsin.
X.	D. L. Rader	Colorado.
XI.	Horace Reed	Illinois.
XII.	Harry Swann	West Texas.
XIII.	H. A. Salzer	Northwest German.
XIV.	G. M. Booth	Columbia River.

Local Committee at New York: E. B. Tuttle, J. E. Andrus, T. J. Preston.
Local Committee at Cincinnati: Richard Dymond, J. N. Gamble, R. T. Miller.

Book Agents.

At New York city, N. Y.: Homer Eaton, D.D., G. P. Mains, D.D. Name of firm, "Eaton & Mains," 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

At Cincinnati, O.: Lewis Curts, D.D., H. C. Jennings, D.D. Name of firm, "Curts & Jennings," 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Official Periodicals.

THESE publications are issued under the supervision of the General Conference, and their editors, with certain exceptions, are quadrennially elected by that body. Their present location, time of issue, editors, and prices are as follows:

MAGAZINES.—*Methodist Review*, bimonthly, W. V. Kelley, D.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Per year, $2.50.

Haus und Herd (*House and Hearth*), monthly, F. L. Nagler, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers, 220–222 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O. Per year, $1.50. Dr. Nagler is also Editor of German Sunday school books and tracts.

Sunday School Bell (German), monthly, F. L. Nagler, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers, 220–222 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O. Single copy, weekly, 50 cents per year; semimonthly, 30 cents per year.

The Gospel in All Lands, monthly. Per year, $1. *The Little Missionary*, monthly. Per year, 25 cents. Editor of these publications, E. R. Smith, D.D. (elected by Board of Managers of Missionary Society); Eaton & Mains, Publishers, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York; issued in the interests of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WEEKLY PERIODICALS.—*The Christian Advocate*, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, J. M. Buckley, D.D., LL.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers. Per year, $2.50.

Western Christian Advocate, 220–222 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O. D. H. Moore, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers. Per year, $2.

Northern Christian Advocate, J. E. C. Sawyer, D.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers, Syracuse, N. Y. Per year, $1.50.

Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago, Ill., Arthur Edwards, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers. Per year, $2.

California Christian Advocate, San Francisco, Cal., W. S. Matthew, D.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers. Per year, $2.

Central Christian Advocate, St. Louis, Mo., J. B. Young, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers. Per year, $2.

Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La., I. B. Scott, D.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers. $1.25 per year, in advance.

Omaha Christian Advocate, Omaha, Neb., J. W. Shank, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers. $1.50 per year, or $1.35 in advance.

Christian Apologist (German), Cincinnati, O., A. J. Nast, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Publishers. $2 per year, in advance. Dr. Nast is also Editor of the German books of the General Catalogue.

Sändebudet (Swedish), Chicago, Ill., William Henschen, Ph.D., Editor (nominated by Northwest Swedish Conference and appointed by the Book Committee); Swedish Book Concern, Publishers. $1.50 per year.

Sunday School Baneret, Chicago, Ill., Swedish Book Concern. 30 cents yearly.

Pacific Christian Advocate, Portland, Ore., A. N. Fisher, D.D., Editor; Eaton & Mains, Publishers. $2 per year.

Pittsburg Christian Advocate, Pittsburg, Pa., C. W. Smith, D.D., Editor; Publishers, Conference Committee. $1.50 per year, in advance.

Epworth Herald, Chicago, Ill., J. F. Berry, D.D., Editor; Curts & Jennings, Eaton & Mains, Publishers. $1 per year, strictly in advance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.—The Editor of these publications is Jesse L. Hurlbut, D.D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society. The following are the publications of the Sunday School Union:

Sunday School Journal, monthly. Per year, single copies, 60 cents; in clubs of six or more, 50 cents.

Sunday School Advocate, weekly. Per year, single copies, 30 cents; in clubs of six or more to one address, 25 cents per copy.

The Classmate, biweekly. Per year, 30 cents; in clubs of six or more to one address, 25 cents a copy.

The Senior Berean Lesson Quarterly. Per year, 20 cents.

The Berean Intermediate Lesson Quarterly. Per year, 6 cents.

The Berean Beginner's Lesson Quarterly. Per year, 6 cents.

Picture Lesson Paper, weekly. Per year, in clubs of six or more to one address, per copy, 20 cents; single copies, 25 cents.

Berean Leaf Cluster. Per year, $4.

Berean Lesson Pictures. Per year, 12 cents each.

TRACTS.—Editor, Jesse L. Hurlbut, D.D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—Editor of all except *The Epworth Herald*, E. A. Schell, D.D.

Book Concern Prosperity.

IN the midst of the severe stringency of the times, and the prostration of nearly all kinds of business, our Book Concern, besides the necessary additions to its permanent capital, has gone on paying its dividends, from actual business done, amounting to $460,000, for the aid of necessitous cases among our effective preachers whose salaries were deficient, and to assist in supporting our veterans, worn-out in the service, and their widows and orphans.

Thus it is evident that the Church of God, dependent on the free gifts of the people, is the most substantial, most firmly founded, and best supported business establishment in this country.—*Episcopal Address.*

The First Book Agent.

JOHN DICKINS was born in London, England, in 1747, and became a traveling preacher in 1777. He was, says the historian, "a man of classical learning, a sound divine, a rare counselor, and a powerful preacher." In 1789 he was appointed pastor and Book Steward at Philadelphia. His capital was $600. Under his care much success attended the enterprise. In an epidemic of fever he was stricken down, and died September 27, 1798, with expressions of ecstatic joy upon his lips.

Yours truly,
Wm. Butler

[Dr. Butler was the founder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India and Mexico. He still lives in an honored old age.]

IV.

Official Benevolences.

When earth shall shine
Among the stars,
Her sins wiped out, her captives free,
Her voice a music unto Thee,
For crown, new work—give this to me.
—*Selected.*

The Missionary Society.

IN point of time, as well as proportions, this Society ranks at the head of the official organizations of the Church. Its familiar origin is sufficiently indicated in the following historical facts: The successful missionary work of John Stewart among the Wyandot Indians of Ohio, in 1816, added to the increasing conviction of the need of a general missionary organization. At a public meeting held in the Forsyth Street Church on Monday evening, April 5, 1819—this meeting having been called from the Methodist pulpits of the city on the previous day—a "Missionary and Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America" was organized. A constitution having been adopted, subscriptions were taken in the interests of the new movement. Bishop William McKendree was elected President; Bishops George and Roberts and the Rev. Nathan Bangs, Vice Presidents; Francis Hall, Clerk; Daniel Ayers, Recording Secretary; the Rev. Thomas Mason, Corresponding Secretary; and the Rev. Joshua Soule, Treasurer. The first auxiliary was the "Female Missionary Society of New York," organized in July, 1819; the first anniversary was held in John Street Church, April 17, 1820, addresses being made by Nathan Bangs, Samuel Merwin, and Thomas Mason. By the General Conference of that year, held in Baltimore,

the Society was approved, its constitution adopted, and the Annual Conferences advised to form auxiliaries. The Society was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, April 9, 1839, and became a Church board in 1872. Its work during the past quadrennium is briefly indicated in the following extract from the report of the General Missionary Committee to the General Conference of 1896:

The quadrennium now closing has been the most fruitful in conversions and additions to the Church in the foreign field of any like period in the history of the Missionary Society. The aggregate membership, including probationers, reported four years ago was 91,325. The Annual Report of the Society for 1895 gives an aggregate of members and probationers numbering 147,203—a gain of 55,878. The number of Sunday school scholars four years ago was 111,365; the number reported now is 154,267—showing a gain of 42,902. The sum collected in 1895 for self-support for all purposes amounts to $348,553, and we are glad to say that there is a steady advance in this regard in all parts of our widely extended foreign field.

The estimated value of churches and chapels in the foreign field in 1891 was $2,027,284; in 1895, $2,581,703—a gain of $554,419. In 1891 there were 185 foreign missionaries and 166 assistant missionaries [wives of missionaries]—a total of 351; in 1895, 225 missionaries and 224 assistant missionaries—a total of 449, a gain of 98. In 1891 there were 475 native ordained preachers; in 1895, 661—a gain of 186. In 1891 there were 1,013 native unordained preachers; in 1895, 1,159—a gain of 146. In 1891 there were 1,181 local preachers and other helpers, etc.; in 1895, 1,651—a gain of 470. In 1891 there were 73,566 reported adherents; in 1895, 156,283—a gain of 82,717.

The Society has aided in supporting about 4,000 domestic missions (missions in the United States), in 59 English-speaking Conferences and in 15 Conferences in which foreign languages exclusively are spoken, also in 11 missions organized outside of Annual Conferences. Our missionaries are preaching the Gospel in this country in not less than 14 different languages, besides several Indian dialects, and ministering to the spiritual needs of probably not less than 400,000 members and probationers.

During this period of unequaled growth in our mission fields, foreign and domestic, our country has been suffering from unprecedented financial and industrial stringency and depression, which has affected unfavorably the income of the Society. . . . Though there has been a gain during the quadrennium of $244,295.80, there has been a relative falling off, as compared with the previous one, of $673,573.73. It is a cause for thanksgiving that, during this period of financial disaster to many business interests, the Society has not only held the standard it had reached when the "hard times" commenced, but has made an average gain for the quadrennium of $61,323.95, showing that this cause is deeply rooted in the affections of our people.

Financial Growth.—The total receipts of the Society in 1820, its first year of operation, amounted to the inconsiderable sum of $823.04. The annual receipts for the last ten years (not including the incomes of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society) have been as follows:

Years.	Conferences.	Legacies.	Lapsed Annuities.	Sundry Sources.	Totals.	Increase.
1887.....	$932,208 91	$35,843 78	$.... ..	$76,743 22	$1,044,795 91	$52,667 44
1888.....	935,121 38	41,983 67	.... ..	23,476 19	1,000,581 24	*d.* 44,214 67
1889.....	1,014,082 09	71,325 25	20,800 00	23,930 46	1,130,137 80	129,556 56
1890.....	1,051,642 04	58,681 26	4,000 00	20,948 52	1,135,271 82	5,134 02
1891.....	1,078,541 81	117,515 44	16,395 05	16,435 74	1,228,888 04	93,616 22
1892.....	1,119,896 36	122,678 46	1,500 00	13,298 10	1,257,372 92	28,484 88
1893.....	1,109,457 65	72,436 37	2,000 00	12,714 75	1,196,608 77	*d.* 60,764 15
1894.....	1,088,186 96	35,107 28	2,000 00	12,513 62	1,137,807 86	*d.* 58,800 91
1895.....	1,072,990 11	86,262 20	1,000 00	14,302 07	1,174,554 38	36,746 52
1896.....	1,149,596 57	43,758 80	13,375 00	14,527 81	1,221,258 18	46,703 80
Totals ...	$10,551,723 88	$685,592 51	$61,070 05	$228,890 48	$11,527,276 92	....

Managers.—This Board consists of the bishops, *ex officio*, with thirty-two ministers and thirty-two laymen, who are elected quadrennially by the General Conference. Vacancies are filled by the managers. The Board meets in the Mission Rooms on the third Tuesday of each month at 3 P. M. Its present membership is as follows:

The bishops, *ex officio*. *Ministers:* M. D'C. Crawford,* A. S. Hunt, A. D. Vail, A. K. Sanford, J. B. Merwin, J. M. Buckley, G. G. Saxe, J. B. Graw, J. M. King, H. A. Buttz, C. S. Coit, S. F. Upham, T. H. Burch, Andrew Longacre, J. F. Goucher, J. R. Day, C. S. Harrower, H. A. Monroe, B. M. Adams, D. R. Lowrie, Homer Eaton, George Abele, C. R. Barnes, S. P. Hammond, E. W. Burr, S. O. Benton, Ensign McChesney, C. H. Payne, E. S. Tipple, Herbert Welch, S. W. Thomas. *Laymen:* E. L. Fancher, J. H. Taft, J. S. McLean, John French, O. H. P. Archer, G. J. Ferry, G. G. Reynolds, Lemuel Skidmore, J. D. Slayback, Anderson Fowler, E. B. Tuttle, Charles Scott, Alden Speare, P. A. Welch, W. H. Falconer, William Hoyt, J. M. Cornell, Richard Grant, H. W. Knight, A. H. DeHaven, J. A. Punderford, C. C. Corbin, E. L. Dobbins, J. F. Rusling, J. E. Andrus, H. K. Carroll, J. S. Huyler, John Beattie, R. W. P. Goff, J. S. Berry, Archer Brown, D. F. Merritt.

General Missionary Committee.—To this body is intrusted the determination of the fields to be occupied as Foreign

* Deceased, November 24, 1896.

Missions, the number of persons to be there employed, the appropriations for the support of each Mission, and the amounts for the Domestic Missions or Conferences. It consists of the bishops, secretaries, treasurers, the district members, and fourteen managers yearly appointed. It meets annually in November at the place designated by the previous Committee, and on the day determined by the secretaries and treasurers. The district members of the Committee are elected quadrennially by the General Conference. Vacancies are filled by the bishops. The following are the present district members of the General Missionary Committee—they being also members of the General Committees on Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education:

Districts.	Names.	Conferences.
I.	E. M. Smith,	Vermont.
II.	W. F. Corkran,	Wilmington.
III.	D. F. Pierce,	Northern N. Y.
IV.	R. T. Miller,	Pittsburg.
V.	L. H. Stewart,	East Ohio.
VI.	J. M. Carter,	Central Tenn.
VII.	H. N. Herrick,	North Indiana.
VIII.	H. G. Jackson,	Rock River.
IX.	J. F. Chaffee,	Northern Minn.
X.	Alfred Hodgetts,	North Neb.
XI.	W. J. Martindale,	Southwest Kansas.
XII.	A. J. Taylor,	Arkansas.
XIII.	Bartholomew Lampert,	Chicago German.
XIV.	S. A. Thomson,	Southern Cal.

At the annual meeting of the Missionary Committee in Detroit, Mich., November 11–17, 1896, the following were the representatives of the Society:

Ministerial: J. F. Goucher, J. M. Buckley, A. K. Sanford, S. F. Upham, S. P. Hammond, J. M. King, J. R. Day. *Reserves:* Ensign McChesney, C. H. Payne, A. D. Vail. *Lay:* H. K. Carroll, J. S. McLean, E. L. Dobbins, E. B. Tuttle, Charles Scott, Alden Speare, J. F. Rusling. *Reserves:* Anderson Fowler, H. W. Knight, John French.

The next meeting of the General Committee will be held at Philadelphia, Pa., November, 1897.

Officers.—For the year 1897 the general officers of the Society are as follows:

President, Bishop S. M. Merrill; *Vice Presidents*, the remaining fifteen bishops, and E. L. Fancher, J. H. Taft, A. D. Vail, G. G. Reynolds, G. J. Ferry, J. S. McLean, John French, J. F. Rusling, J. M. King. *Corresponding Secretaries*, A. B. Leonard, D.D., A. J. Palmer, D.D., W. T. Smith,

D.D.; *Treasurer*, Homer Eaton, D.D.; *Assistant Treasurer*, Lewis Curts, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, S. L. Baldwin, D.D. Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Treasurer's Report.—The following was the annual report of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to the General Missionary Committee, for the year ending October 31, 1896:

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.

CONFERENCES.	Apportionments.	From Nov. 1, 1895, to Oct. 31, 1896.	CONFERENCES.	Apportionments.	From Nov. 1, 1895, to Oct. 31, 1896.
Alabama	$1,189	$492 02	Nebraska	$10,800	$3,535 63
Arizona	853	893 00	Nevada	1,104	1,177 50
Arkansas	1,420	687 07	New England	39,592	31,852 20
Atlanta	.....	172 68	New England Southern	18,984	16,089 43
Austin	1,450	1,050 65	New Hampshire	10,192	8,853 87
Baltimore	42,338	46,050 49	New Jersey	35,450	31,071 82
Bengal-Burmah	300	251 23	New Mexico English	760	794 50
Black Hills	921	487 55	New Mexico Spanish	605	369 50
Blue Ridge	1,000	27 31	New York	54,467	45,789 89
Bombay	300	.....	New York East	64,509	46,988 67
Bulgaria	110	174 03	Newark	42,729	38,994 42
California	15,093	8,424 72	North Carolina	1,290	413 62
California German	1,020	997 95	North China	600	600 00
Central Alabama	1,457	407 42	North Dakota	3,895	3,073 60
Central China	400	209 23	North Germany	1,150	1,122 64
Central German	9,755	8,078 79	North India	400	495 47
Central Illinois	24,298	19,157 50	North Indiana	23,900	18,096 33
Central Missouri	1,784	446 64	North Montana	517	567 50
Central New York	24,900	23,201 06	North Nebraska	6,810	4,323 29
Central Ohio	26,378	21,381 29	North Ohio	19,000	11,189 62
Central Pennsylvania	42,478	47,925 78	North Pacific German	756	625 60
Central Swedish	3,522	3,541 81	Northern German	3,305	2,525 17
Central Tennessee	1,315	482 90	Northern Minnesota	9,685	5,324 19
Chicago German	4,760	4,474 73	Northern New York	18,244	14,384 42
Cincinnati	33,511	20,180 36	Northern Swedish	1,600	1,396 28
Colorado	8,849	6,963 63	Northwest German	2,820	3,902 64
Columbia River	3,520	2,129 45	Northwest India	400	157 25
Congo	10	.....	Northwest Indiana	19,000	16,674 10
Delaware	4,068	3,351 38	Northwest Iowa	12,674	13,485 26
Denmark	1,000	607 84	Northwest Nebraska	4,265	2,405 06
Des Moines	28,413	25,962 69	Norway	786	475 00
Detroit	26,676	16,947 57	Norwegian and Danish	1,400	1,175 74
East German	5,450	8,095 58	Ohio	3,590	3,582 01
East Maine	4,594	3,197 29	Oklahoma	36,075	17,675 48
East Ohio	41,037	29,431 23	Oregon	2,360	102 89
East Tennessee	935	382 36	Philadelphia	6,125	3,230 57
Erie	25,020	19,382 97	Pittsburg	63,008	60,574 32
Fin. and St. Petersburg	200	266 60	Puget Sound	38,872	27,290 97
Florida	1,256	547 35	Rock River	5,043	2,914 95
Foochow	433	245 79	Saint John's River	39,000	28,496 19
Genesee	28,500	23,916 37	Saint Louis	996	668 41
Georgia	676	209 95	Saint Louis German	14,225	9,897 67
Gulf	150	146 60	Savannah	6,926	5,825 82
Holston	5,410	1,548 80	South America	2,905	847 90
Idaho	1,125	421 82	South Carolina	1,000	556 34
Illinois	36,380	27,531 17	South Dakota	6,362	2,316 64
Indiana	38,675	19,851 63	South Germany	4,660	3,811 77
Iowa	16,363	12,791 38	South India	1,200	1,478 23
Italy	400	383 05	South Kansas	350	70 53
Japan	500	103 77	Southeast Indiana	10,302	6,276 49
Kansas	11,944	8,145 84	Southern California	.....	.....
Kentucky	7,600	2,288 69	Southern German	9,000	7,381 86
Korea	150	52 00	Southern Illinois	1,724	2,044 51
Lexington	2,342	363 05	Southwest Kansas	15,350	9,915 99
Liberia	110	.....	Sweden	9,863	5,968 83
Little Rock	920	248 83	Switzerland	4,000	3,945 17
Louisiana	3,254	783 67	Tennessee	1,350	1,979 32
Lower California	.....	.....	Texas	1,510	181 70
Maine	7,540	5,963 17	Troy	3,040	1,104 77
Malaysia	100	30 25	Upper Iowa	32,975	28,183 77
Mexico	800	365 90	Upper Mississippi	21,900	20,283 16
Michigan	26,700	16,166 55	Utah	2,125	387 55
Minnesota	9,650	8,455 66	Vermont	1,098	810 55
Mississippi	1,975	634 30	Virginia	7,053	6,364 62
Missouri	9,721	8,702 36	Washington	1,757	975 96
Montana	1,997	2,005 00	West China	7,884	2,391 35
Navajo Indians	.....	.....		110	18 36

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.—Continued.

CONFERENCES.	Apportionments.	From Nov. 1, 1895, to Oct. 31, 1896.
West German	$4,535	$3,758 52
West Nebraska	3,300	1,913 52
West Texas	2,220	1,383 09
West Virginia	17,591	8,089 19
West Wisconsin	10,607	7,064 02
W. Norwegian-Danish	764	623 25
Western Swedish	1,500	1,228 00
Wilmington	24,036	24,791 78
Wisconsin	13,000	9,054 22
Wyoming	29,648	29,037 69
Wyoming Mission	664	452 27
		$1,149,596 57

CONFERENCES.	Apportionments.	From Nov. 1, 1895, to Oct. 31, 1896.
Legacies		$43,758 80
Lapsed Annuities		13,375 00
Sundries ($14,527.81):		
Interest		2,555 02
Am. Bible Society		2,420 00
Appro's returned		6,493 97
Miscellaneous		3,058 82
Total		*$1,221,258 18
Receipts from Nov. 1,'94, to Oct. 31,'95.		$1,174,554 38
Receipts from Nov. 1, '95, to Oct. 31,'96.		1,221,258 18
Increase		$46,703 80

* Of this, $78,098.37 was received as special contributions to the debt.

DISBURSEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1895, TO OCTOBER 31, 1896.

Bengal-Burmah	$12,216 09	North India	50,915 07
From American Bible Society	300 00	Northwest India	29,165 64
Bombay	15,913 11	Norway	12,820 60
Bulgaria	16,274 94	South America	54,239 49
Central China	38,797 15	South Germany	12,149 48
Denmark	9,136 35	South India	15,557 63
Finland and St. Petersburg	4,336 60	Sweden	17,427 27
From American Bible Society	70 00	From American Bible Society	200 00
Foochow	25,356 53	Switzerland	7,312 00
Germany and Switzerland:		West China	13,302 11
Martin Mission Institute	1,000 00		
From American Bible Society	2,000 00	Total	$569,372 84
Italy	40,925 17	Domestic Missions	475,247 74
Japan	56,757 96	Incidental Expenses (including, for interest, $26,050.48)	77,136 02
Korea	14,652 11	Office Expenses	7,207 51
Liberia	4,631 24	Publication Fund	12,019 77
Lower California	775 00	Salaries of Missionary Bishops, Secretaries, etc	29,133 28
Malaysia	9,555 97		
Mexico	51,610 86	Total	$1,170,117 16
North China	37,574 08		
North Germany	$13,900 39		

RECAPITULATION.

Treasury in debt November 1, 1895	$239,055 36	Balance, cash debt of Treasury, October 31, 1896	$187,914 34
Disbursements from November 1, 1895, to October 31, 1896	1,170,117 16	Outstanding Bills of Exchange October 31, 1896	103,040 31
Total	$1,409,172 52	Total debt of Treasury October 31, 1896	$290,954 65
Receipts from November 1, 1895, to October 31, 1896	1,221,258 18	Total debt of Treasury October 31, 1895	$306,243 27
		Decrease in total debt of Treasury	$15,288 62

"SPECIAL GIFTS."

Cash on hand November 1, 1895	$18,421 22	Paid from November 1, 1895, to October 31, 1896	$42,889 03
Received during the year	43,410 35		
	$61,831 57	Balance on hand October 31, 1896	$18,942 54

Appropriations for 1897.—As ordered by the General Missionary Committee at its session, November, 1896, the appropriations for 1897 are as follows:

1. Foreign Missions.

DIVISION 1.—Europe, South America, Mexico, and Africa.

1. GERMANY:

(1.) North Germany:

For the work	$10,803
For interest on Berlin debt	600
For debts—grant in aid	930
	$12,333

(2.) South Germany:

For the old work	$10,267
For debts—grant in aid	500
For work received from Wesleyans	6,250
	$17,017

(3.) For Martin Mission Institute $1,000

Total for Germany $30,350

2. SWITZERLAND:

For the work	$6,607
For church debts—grants in aid	893
Total for Switzerland	$7,500

3. NORWAY:

For the work	$12,260
For school at Christiania, at disposal of the Board	500
Total for Norway	$12,760

4. SWEDEN:

For the work	$15,384
For school at Upsala	1,340
Total for Sweden	$16,724

5. DENMARK:

For the work	$6,696
For debt on Copenhagen Church, at disposal of the Board	893
Total for Denmark	$7,589

6. FINLAND AND ST. PETERSBURG:

For the work	$4,050
For a new missionary	600
Total for Finland & St. Petersb'g.	$4,650

7. BULGARIA:

For the work, to be administered by the Board and presiding bishop:	
For the first quarter of 1897	$3,871
For the balance of the year	7,500
Total for Bulgaria	$11,371

8. ITALY:

For the work	$41,000

9. SOUTH AMERICA:

For the work east of the Andes	$43,748
For Peru	7,600
For Chili, at the disposal of the Board	20,000
Total for South America	$71,348

10. MEXICO:

For all purposes	$49,500

11. AFRICA:

Liberia:

For maintaining the work as it is	$5,000
For reinforcements to fill vacancies	3,000
For ten additional stations among the heathen	2,700
	$10,700
Congo Mission Conference:	
For twelve stations	4,000
Total for Africa	$14,700

DIVISION 2.—Eastern Asia.

1. CHINA:

(1.) Foochow: For the work as it is	$27,000
(2.) Central China: For the work as it	33,000
(3.) is North China: Of which $1,500 is for Peking Church	41,511
(4.) West China: For the work as it is	12,500
Total for China	$114,011

2. JAPAN:

For the work, of which not more than $11,000 shall be for native evangelistic work	$48,576

3. KOREA:

For the work	$14,285

DIVISION 3.—Southern Asia.

1. INDIA:

(1.) North India: For the work	$58,860
(2.) Northwest India: For the work.	24,792
(3.) South India: For the work	19,205
(4.) Bombay: For the work	17,959
(5.) Bengal-Burmah: For the work.	12,242
Total for India	$133,058

2. MALAYSIA:

For the work	$9,378
Total for Foreign Missions	$586,800

2. Missions in the United States.

DIVISION 1.

Class No. 1.

CONFERENCES NORTH OF THE POTOMAC AND OHIO, AND EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

Detroit	$4,366
East Maine	1,607
Maine	1,210
Michigan	3,936
New Hampshire	1,161
Northern New York	1,072
Troy	800
Vermont	1,210
West Wisconsin	4,013
Wilmington	600
Wisconsin	3,552
Total	$23,527

Class No. 2.

CONFERENCES IN IOWA AND KANSAS, AND STATES NORTH OF THEM, INCLUDING BLACK HILLS AND OKLAHOMA CONFERENCES:

Black Hills	$4,320
Black Hills, for schools	1,000
Dakota	9,600
Des Moines	1,085
Kansas	1,200
Minnesota	3,437
Nebraska	2,150
North Dakota	8,640
North Nebraska	5,000
Northern Minnesota	4,978
Northwest Iowa	3,571
Northwest Kansas	6,700
Northwest Nebraska	3,500
Oklahoma	14,000
South Kansas	1,440
Southwest Kansas	5,500
West Nebraska	6,500
Total	$82,621

Class No. 3.

WORK IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION:

Arizona	$5,700
Colorado	8,482
Idaho	4,000
Montana	5,547
Nevada	4,000
New Mexico English	5,280
North Montana	4,000
Utah, for work	8,000
Utah, for schools	2,000
Wyoming	5,280
Total	$52,289

Class No. 4.

PACIFIC COAST:

California, of which $500 shall be available for California Street Church.	$5,870
Columbia River	7,000
Columbia River, for work in Nez Perces reservation	500
Oregon, of which $250 shall be available at once for Eugene District	4,350
Puget Sound	6,000
Southern California	4,750
Total	$28,470

DIVISION 2.

Class No. 5.

WHITE WORK IN THE SOUTH, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE EXCEPTED:

Alabama	$2,040
Arkansas	4,500
Atlantic Mission	825
Austin, of which $400 is for church at Fort Worth	3,420
Blue Ridge	2,465
Central Tennessee	3,100

Georgia	$2,220
Gulf Mission	1,520
Holston	2,600
Kentucky	4,200
Missouri	3,400
Saint John's River	3,200
Saint Louis	4,600
Virginia	3,400
West Virginia	4,448
Total	$46,538

Class No. 6.

COLORED WORK, MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH:

Atlanta	$1,134
Central Alabama	2,544
Central Missouri	2,768
Delaware	1,375
East Tennessee	1,920
Florida	2,100
Lexington	2,300
Little Rock	2,500
Louisiana	3,570
Mississippi	1,920
North Carolina	2,950
Savannah	1,544
South Carolina	3,523
Tennessee	1,950
Texas	3,524
Upper Mississippi	2,458
Washington	1,715
West Texas	3,750
Total	$43,545

DIVISION 3.—Non-English-speaking.

Class No. 7.

WELSH:

Northern New York	$300
Philadelphia	397
Rock River	450
Wyoming	200
Total	$1,347

SWEDISH:

Austin	$1,340
California	2,232
Central Swedish	3,840
Colorado	357
East Maine	345
New England	4,800
New England Southern	1,632
New York	893
New York East	3,350
Northern Swedish	5,300
Puget Sound	1,600
Western Swedish	4,512
Wilmington	500
Total	$30,701

NORWEGIAN AND DANISH:

New England	$288
New York East	1,650
Norwegian and Danish	8,900
Western Norwegian-Danish	9,000
Total	$19,838

GERMAN:

California German	$3,840
Central German, $288 for continuing work in Detroit	4,375
Chicago German	3,772
East German	5,562
North Pacific German	4,000
Northern German	2,973
Northwest German	3,443
Saint Louis German	3,371
Southern German	3,840
West German	6,555
Total	$41,731

FRENCH:

Gulf Mission	$625
New England	800
New Hampshire	950
Northwest Indiana	360
Rock River	1,289
Total	$4,024

SPANISH:

New Mexico Spanish	$11,000
New Mexico Spanish, for schools	1,750
Total	$12,750

CHINESE:

California	$7,000
New York	890
Oregon	825
Southern California	900
Total	$9,615

JAPANESE:

California	$6,500
For Japanese and English work in Honolulu	1,500
Total	$8,000

BOHEMIAN AND HUNGARIAN:

Baltimore	$850
East Ohio	2,300
Pittsburg	1,116
Rock River, available January 1	3,500
Upper Iowa, available for calendar year 1897	600
Total	$8,366

ITALIAN:

Cincinnati, available January 1	$400
Louisiana	1,200
New England	1,200
New York, of which $500 is available at once	3,255
Philadelphia	2,135
Rock River	1,023
Total	$9,213

PORTUGUESE:

New England	$288

HEBREW:

New York	$893
Total	$146,766

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AMERICAN INDIANS:

California	$883
Central New York: Onondagas	500
Oneidas	192
Columbia River	1,152
Detroit	513
Genesee: Tonawanda	240
Cattaraugus	240
Michigan	600
Minnesota	427
Navajo	1,071
North Montana, for Pigan Indian Mission for the calendar year 1897	1,200
Northern New York	513
Oregon	672
Puget Sound	350
Wisconsin	384
Total	$8,937

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Contingent Fund	$30,000
2. Incidental expenses	40,000
3. Salaries of officers, Missionary Bishops, etc	30,000
4. Office expenses	10,000
5. For disseminating missionary information	10,000
Total	$120,000

4. Recapitulation.

1. Foreign Missions		$586,800
2. Domestic Missions:		
Welsh	$1,347	
Swedish	30,701	
Norwegian and Danish	19,838	
German	41,731	
French	4,024	
Spanish	12,750	
Chinese	9,615	
Japanese	$8,000	
Bohemian and Hungarian	8,366	
Italian	9,213	
Portuguese	288	
Hebrew	893	
American Indians	8,937	
English-speaking	276,990	
		$432,693
3. Miscellaneous		120,000
Grand Total		$1,139,493

Apportionments.—The General Missionary Committee, in the fulfillment of the great responsibility committed to its care, again calls for $1,500,000 for missions in 1897. Last year, when the same amount was called for, it was found that the apportionments made to the charges on each district by the Committee of Apportionments, of which the presiding elders are members, provided for $1,488,277 within the United States, and $16,373 was apportioned to the work in foreign lands. The Board adopted the aggregate apportionment to the charges in each Conference as the apportionments to the Conferences respectively, and gave instruction to complete the work of apportioning to charges where it was still incomplete, and to rectify a few inequalities which had occurred by the varying degree in which the different presiding elders in committee had proposed to increase the apportionments to their charges. This year the General Committee has continued the same policy, and though the Year Book goes to press before the final action of the Board and before the apportionment to charges in the Fall Conferences is completed, yet it is probable that the rectifications before mentioned and the growth of the Church during the year will maintain the aggregate apportionments to the charges notwithstanding reductions that became necessary at some points. The apportionment to the work in foreign lands will be about the same amount as last year, so that the total apportionment will approximate the $1,500,000 asked.

The Sunday School Union.

This society has supervision of the work of one fourth of the Sunday schools in the United States. On April 2, 1827, there was formed in New York city the "Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church;" in 1833 this organization was merged into the "Bible, Sunday School Union, and Tract Society." At the General Conference of 1840 the present Union was organized, and thus surpasses in age all of the official benevolences of the Church, except the Missionary Society. It was incorporated by the Legislature of New York State, February 4, 1852; its charter was amended April 11, 1874.

From the report of the Board of Managers to the General Conference of 1896, the following matters of information as to the recent work of the Society are gathered:

Number of Sunday schools, 30,259, an increase during the quadrennium of 2,766; number of officers and teachers, 352,627, an increase of 49,046; number of scholars of all ages, 2,585,178, an increase of 258,292. The statis-

tics of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday schools in foreign lands include 3,536 schools, 8,755 officers and teachers, and 160,737 scholars. According to continental divisions, there are in Europe 997 schools, 4,637 officers and teachers, 59,855 scholars; in Asia, 2,448 schools, 3,150 officers and teachers, 91,667 scholars; in Africa, 49 schools, 431 officers and teachers, 2,356 scholars; and in America, 132 schools, 537 officers and teachers, 6,859 scholars. Increase in foreign lands during the quadrennium, 1,383 schools, 51,009 scholars. Increase among foreigners in the United States not speaking English, 133 schools, 2,229 officers and teachers, 8,500 scholars.

Conversions among Sunday school scholars in 1892, 116,966; in 1893, 119,741; in 1894, 154,082; in 1895, 132,697. Total, 523,486; increase during the quadrennium, 66,486.

Receipts for year ending November 30, 1892, $25,241.81; ending November 30, 1893, $24,476.58; ending November 30, 1894, $22,542.78; ending November 30, 1895, $23,888.72. Aggregate collections during the quadrennium, $96,149.89.

Schools aided during the quadrennium, in the United States, 15,102; value of aid, $48,881.53. Paid toward the publication of the *Good Tidings* during the quadrennium, issued conjointly with the Tract Society, $8,190.98; circulation, 8,761,000 copies. Books and papers printed and circulated in foreign fields, 958,860; number of pages, 49,597,884. Present circulation of Sunday school lesson periodicals, 3,091,702 copies.

Of two new departments which are now in process of organization, the report of the Board of Managers to the General Conference speaks as follows:

One is the Home Department, which is now recognized as a legitimate development of Sunday school work. There are in every congregation many who, through age or infirmity, or from other causes, are unable to attend the Sunday school. Many of these, wherever they are, might give the hour of the Sunday school to the study of the lesson, and for their benefit there has been established by the representatives of Sunday school work in all the leading denominations this special Home Department. Its members are regularly registered as connected with the Sunday school; they receive the lesson leaves as the other scholars receive them; they are invited to all the Sunday school entertainments, and are in every way recognized as connected with the school. . . .

Another department of growing importance in our work is the Normal Department. Sunday school teachers need special training for their work in this age of general intelligence and of thorough preparation. . . . The Normal Department proposes to furnish courses of instruction for Sunday school teachers, both in the Bible and in Sunday school work. It plans both for classes to be organized in connection with the Sunday school, and for individual students who may pursue the work, each one by himself. It furnishes courses of study, examinations, certificates, and diplomas for those who take the course.

Managers.—This Board is appointed quadrennially by the General Conference, and consists of thirty-two ministers and thirty-two laymen. It has power to fill vacancies. It meets at 3:30 P. M. on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. The present managers of the Society are as follows:

Ministers: W. H. De Puy, G. H. Whitney, H. M. Simpson, W. C. Steele, J. C. Thomas, Alexander McLean, Alexander Craig, J. W. Ackerly, G. E. Strobridge, C. R. Barnes, Asbury Lowrey, F. M. North, Sandford Van Benschoten, S. H. Smith, W. L. Hoagland, H. F. Kästendieck, John Krantz, Jr., J. W. Johnston, Ernest Lyon, J. F. Dodd, E. L. Hoffecker, S. P. Cadman, F. L. Wilson, F. M. Davenport, A. T. Civill, F. H. Carpenter, J. O. Wilson, J. W. Campbell, J. L. Hartsock, Clark Wright, J. Y. Bates, R. E. Bell. *Laymen:* Joseph Longking, Ira Perego, B. F. Clark, E. S. Halsted, Daniel Denham, Thomas Nicholson, W. D. Cowan, T. Y. Kinne, L. P. Nostrand, R. R. Doherty, James McGee, William Baldwin, C. W. Turner, E. Reinhart, R. S. Anderson, W. H. Beach, G. Waldo Smith, Joseph Fettretch, Willis McDonald, John Beattie, A. S. Newman, William Graham, Samuel Williams, J. V. Forster, C. W. Eichells, W. A. Stoney, C. A. Dunn, Charles Olney, J. R. Joy, E. M. F. Miller, W. E. Drake, W. R. Wheeler.

Officers.—The senior bishop is the President of the Union, and the remaining bishops Vice Presidents *ex officio*. The Corresponding Secretary, German Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by the General Conference. The present officers are:

President, Bishop Bowman; *Vice Presidents ex officio*, the remaining bishops; *Vice Presidents* by election, John Beattie, W. H. Beach; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. L. Hurlbut, D.D.; *Assistant Corresponding Secretary*, J. M. Freeman, D.D.; *German Assistant Secretary*, F. L. Nagler, D D.; *Recording Secretary*, R. R. Doherty, Ph.D.; *Treasurer*, Daniel Denham. Central office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

The Tract Society.

THE object of this organization is "to diffuse knowledge by the circulation of the publications of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the English and other languages, in our own and foreign countries." It was organized by the General Conference of 1852; was chartered by the Legislature of New York, April 15, 1854; its charter was amended April 20, 1874. In the report of the Board of Managers to the General Conference of

1896 the following important items of information as to the present work of the Society are included:

Collections for fiscal year ending November 30, 1892, $21,950.39; ending November 30, 1893, $21,420.47; ending November 30, 1894, $19,206.71; ending November 30, 1895, $20,653.23. Increase in collections over previous quadrennium, $2,306.65. Average collection for each charge, $1.55; average contribution from each member of the Church, less than nine mills; average number of charges yearly taking no collection, 4,765.

Tracts were printed during the quadrennium as follows: In 1892, 1,170,000 tracts, representing 11,912,000 pages; in 1893, 1,549,000 tracts, or 11,525,750 pages; in 1894, 1,244,200 tracts, or 10,993,500 pages; in 1895, 1,522,100 tracts, or 10,401,000 pages. Churches to which tracts were distributed during the quadrennium, 9,575; pages distributed, 60,649,073.

Expended in foreign fields during the quadrennium, $31,489, an increase of over $12,000. "Almost the entire support of our mission presses in foreign lands has come upon the Tract Society, and we have therefore given as liberally as our funds would admit to this purpose." Expended among immigrants in the United States, $4,145, tracts and papers being distributed to them in nine or ten languages; expended on the home field in general, $19,184.62. Number of books or papers published in foreign fields during the quadrennium, 7,774,104; pages, 107,781,281. Aid has also been given to Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, French, and Spanish papers circulated in the United States. The circulation of the *Good Tidings* by the Tract Society, in conjunction with the Sunday School Union, has aggregated 8,761,000 numbers during the quadrennium, containing 35,044,000 pages. The Society needs at least $50,000 per annum to carry on its work.

Value in Immigrant Work.—At the anniversary of the Tract Society, in Cincinnati, O., November, 1895, the Rev. C. J. Little, D.D., thus described the worth of the tract as a means of reaching and helping the foreigner who has landed on American shores:

One thing I may say touching this land of ours. This is a polyglot land. We shall have to meet the foreigner, not with a cold handshake, not with criticism, and the wish that he would not come; but we shall have to meet him with power to make of him an American citizen, and power to make of him a Christian man. We frequently talk about schemes to get rid of the foreigner; it is time to talk about how we shall reach him. We may reach him with a little leaflet that gives him welcome. We may reach him with the little message that calls him to a better home than that which he has been used to. We may reach him by the printed word in his own speech, reminding him of his own home, and making him feel that he is not altogether a stranger in the new one.

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Ministers: J. B. Faulks, Ichabod Simmons, Nicholas Vansant, W. W. Bowdish, D. W. Couch, H. A. Monroe, E. S. Osbon, W. E. Ketcham, A. B. Sanford, E. A. Blake, C. W. Millard, Daniel Halleron, F. B. Upham, C. E. Miller, C. M. Giffin, T. L. Poulson, F. G. Howell, L. R. Streeter, J. F. Dodd, J. I. Boswell, F. C. Iglehart, Edward Cunningham, G. W. Miller, F. L. Wilson, A. B. Richardson, E. A. Noble, J. R. Bryan, Fields Hermance, G. P. Mains, G. C. Wilding, W. F. Brush, S. E. Simonsen. *Laymen:* William Truslow, J. O. Fowler, Hiram Merritt, E. B. Treat, John Bentley, J. D. Felter, W. R. Walkley, N. A. Ulman, Richard Lavery, S. L. Russell, M. H. Smith, R. W. Courtney, C. C. Moore, William Balfour, William Jackson, J. M. Bulwinkle, Robert Lavery, Frank Moss, C. F. Jones, Bradford Rhodes, Milton See, L. Shanley Davis, I. H. Tifft, Samuel Sterling, W. B. McMillen, T. A. Campbell, S. V. R. Ford, Alexander Carmichel, Jr., G. B. Class, B. F. Edsall, J. H. Buckbee.

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Board of Church Extension.

No work can be more important than the erection of houses for Christian worship in needy places. To meet this end the organization of a Church Extension Society was ordered by the General Conference, May 27, 1864. The first managers of the organization were appointed January 3, 1865 ; it was incorporated in Pennsylvania, March 13, 1865. Its first Corresponding Secretary, S. Y. Monroe, D.D., was appointed in June, 1865, and died February 9, 1867. Its first receipts were on October 19, 1865 ; its first appropriation was made

March 5, 1866. The name of the organization was changed from the "Church Extension Society" to its present title by the General Conference of 1872; a supplemental act of incorporation was passed February 26, 1873.

At an anniversary meeting of the Society held at Cleveland, O., during the General Conference of 1896, Rev. Dr. W. A. Spencer, then senior Corresponding Secretary, spoke as follows concerning the progress of the work and the growing demands upon it:

We have done what we could, and we have to report that the collections of this quadrennium are $31,000 larger than those of any preceding quadrennium. The grand total of the receipts of the general fund . . . for the last twelve years [has been] $2,038,830, a gain in these twelve years over the preceding twelve of $892,149; and we have made the same wonderful gains on other lines. In these twelve years of financial distress, which have affected even the missionary societies, we are yet able to report a substantial gain.

During these twelve years the Methodist Episcopal Church has built nearly 12,000 new churches; that is, either churches in place of old ones, or new ones where there were none existing. And yet, after it all, more than 3,000 additional unsheltered congregations are yet to be provided for, and more than 5,000 Methodist Sunday schools are without buildings. The great work of the Church Extension Society is before us and not behind us. More than 10,000 churches must be built in the near future, in the South, not in rivalry with any other branch of Methodism or of Christianity, but to provide places of worship where there will be none if we do not provide them. In every part of our great nation a new frontier meets us. In the mining sections of Pennsylvania, the manufacturing towns of Ohio, in the streets and alleys of the great centers, that frontier meets us and calls for our help.

Management.—The management of the Society is vested in the following three associate bodies, as follows:

1. The General Committee of Church Extension, comprising the bishops, officers of the Board, delegates from the fourteen General Conference Districts, and fourteen delegates from the Board. It has advisory and qualified directory powers, and meets annually in November.

2. The Board of Church Extension, sometimes called the "parent Board." This consists of all the bishops *ex officio*, thirty-two ministers and thirty-two laymen of Philadelphia and vicinity, and meets on the second Wednesday of every month. It is the legal corporation.

3. The Conference Board in each Conference, composed of equal numbers of ministers and laymen, not less than six nor more than ten in all, so located that a quorum may be convened at any time, the Board being nominated by the bishop presiding and appointed by the Conference. The presiding elders are *ex officio* members of this Board.

Present Outlook.—From the report of the Board to the last meeting of the General Committee, held at Pittsburg, Pa., November 5–7, 1896, the following extracts illustrate the present work of the Society.

Of 471 formal applications, recommended by Conference Boards and considered by our Board, asking donations of $164,000 and loans of $174,700, 367 were granted donations of $66,815 and loans of $89,050, and 104 applications, asking donations of $23,700 and loans of $48,500, were declined; and of those granted the amounts granted were reduced below the asking of donations $36,240 and of loans $21,969.

Much the larger proportion of applications declined was for lack of funds, though in several cases we were persuaded that by earnest effort the churches interested could provide in whole or in part for themselves. The 399 churches aided during the year included a number of grants made, but not paid, during the preceding year.

The value of the Loan Fund in church extension has been fully established. It has afforded temporary aid in the general work of the Board which would not have been possible without it. A temporary loan from this fund to our General Fund during a period of special need, within the last year, to the amount of over $45,000, has enabled us to go forward, with but little interruption, with payment of donations promised in times of need. The collections from the Fall Conferences have been about equal to the amount so advanced, and will prove sufficient to restore the entire amount, as it shall be needed for loans within the coming year.

The capital of this Loan Fund, including annuity funds, has nearly reached the "million-dollar line," and, in the use of this capital and of loans returned, the Board has been able to afford temporary aid to churches, by loans, of more than $2,030,000.

Financial Statistics.—By the same report of the Board to the General Committee, at Pittsburg, Pa., November 5–7, 1896, the receipts of the year were as follows:

On the General Fund, available for donations, etc.:		
From Conference collections	$118,079 60	
From other sources	27,751 82	
		$145,831 42
On the Loan Fund, for loans only:		
From gifts, etc., adding to capital	$36,710 85	
From loans returned	44,210 66	
		80,921 51
Total receipts for year		$226,752 93
Net decrease in the General Fund		$25,405 96
Net increase in the Loan Fund		6,720 07
Total net decrease		$18,685 89

Apportionments for 1897.—At the annual meeting of the General Committee, held in the Smithfield Church, Pittsburg, Pa., November 5–7, 1896, the following apportionments were made for the year 1897:

CONFERENCES.	Amounts.	CONFERENCES.	Amounts.
Alabama	$250	New York	$11,000
Arizona Mission	125	New York East	11,000
Arkansas	300	Newark	8,000
Atlanta	200	North Carolina	300
Atlantic Mission	50	North Dakota	600
Austin	300	North Indiana	5,000
Baltimore	7,000	North Montana Mission	150
Black Hills Mission	400	North Nebraska	1,000
Blue Ridge	200	North Ohio	4,000
California	2,500	North Pacific German Mission	150
California German	300	Northern German	4,000
Central Alabama	300	Northern Minnesota	1,500
Central German	7,000	Northern New York	4,000
Central Illinois	5,500	Northern Swedish Mission	300
Central Missouri	350	Northwest German	3,000
Central New York	5,500	Northwest Indiana	4,000
Central Ohio	5,000	Northwest Iowa	2,000
Central Pennsylvania	8,000	Northwest Kansas	750
Central Swedish	600	Northwest Nebraska	100
Central Tennessee	300	Norwegian and Danish	600
Chicago German	6,000	Ohio	6,500
Cincinnati	6,500	Oklahoma	400
Colorado	1,200	Oregon	750
Columbia River	500	Philadelphia	12,000
Delaware	900	Pittsburg	7,000
Des Moines	5,000	Puget Sound	750
Detroit	5,500	Rock River	7,500
East German	6,000	Saint John's River	150
East Maine	1,000	Saint Louis	2,500
East Ohio	7,000	Saint Louis German	5,000
East Tennessee	200	Savannah	200
Erie	5,000	South Carolina	600
Florida	150	South Dakota	1,000
Genesee	6,000	South Kansas	2,500
Georgia	200	Southern California	2,000
Gulf Mission	100	Southern German	300
Holston	1,000	Southern Illinois	2,500
Idaho	200	Southwest Kansas	1,500
Illinois	7,500	Tennessee	200
Indiana	7,600	Texas	400
Iowa	3,000	Troy	6,000
Kansas	2,500	Upper Iowa	4,000
Kentucky	2,000	Upper Mississippi	300
Lexington	400	Utah Mission	250
Little Rock	250	Vermont	1,200
Louisiana	600	Virginia	400
Maine	1,000	Washington	800
Michigan	4,500	West German	5,000
Minnesota	1,500	West Nebraska	600
Mississippi	400	West Texas	300
Missouri	1,800	West Virginia	2,000
Montana	500	West Wisconsin	1,500
Nebraska	1,800	Western Norwegian-Danish	300
Nevada Mission	200	Western Swedish	300
New England	6,500	Wilmington	5,000
New England Southern	3,500	Wisconsin	2,500
New Hampshire	1,800	Wyoming	6,000
New Jersey	7,000	Wyoming Mission	200
New Mexico English Mission	200		
New Mexico Spanish Mission	200	Total	$303,225

The Board of Managers.—The present membership of this body is as follows:

The bishops *ex officio*. *Ministerial:* T. C. Murphey, S W. Thomas, W. J. Paxson, A. J. Kynett, W. C. Robinson, J. S. J. McConnell, A. G. Kynett, J. B. Graw, T. B. Neely, C. W. Buoy, J. M. Hinson, W. L. McDowell, G. B. Wight, J. F. Crouch, J. F. Meredith, C. W. Bickley, W. L. S. Murray, William Downey, S. W. Gehrett, S. A. Heilner, Edmund Hewitt, R. W. Humphriss, S. M. Vernon, J. W. Sayers, W. A. Spencer, H. A. Monroe, J. A. Lippincott, F. B. Lynch, J. S. Hughes, J. R. T. Gray, C. M. Boswell, L. E. Barrett. *Lay:* James Long, W. G. Spencer, Joseph Thompson, L. C. Simon, D. W. Bartine, John Gillespie, J. E. James, J. W. Boughton, Thomas Bradley, T. L. De Bow, R. S. McCombs, M. S. McCullough, Francis Magee, M. A. Rettew, George Kessler, J. B. Brenniser, S. K. Felton, J. F. Fox, C. W. Higgins, T. A. Redding, J. R. Senior, W. H. Senderling, R. E. Pattison, A. Wakelin, William King, S. T. Fox, Jr., Jefferson Justice, J. A. Hudson, F. G. Elliott, John Gribbel, I. L. Conkling, R. L. Shetter.

General Information.—The official publication of the Board is *Christianity in Earnest*, which is issued bimonthly. *Glad Tidings* is a musical bimonthly, designed for anniversary and Sabbath services. For further information, church plans, blank deeds, maps, tracts, etc., communication may be had with the Secretaries, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Officers.—The following are the officers of the Board for the year beginning November, 1896:

President, Bishop C. D. Foss; *Corresponding Secretaries*, A. J Kynett, D.D., W. A. Spencer, D.D.; *Assistant Corresponding Secretary*, M. S. Hard, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, J. S. J. McConnell, D.D.; *Treasurer*, James Long. Office, 1026 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

It is thirty years since this Society was organized. The work among the refugees and freedmen began during the civil war. It was both a charitable and a missionary movement and was undenominational. Most of the denominations withdrew from the movement before the Methodist Episcopal Church formed its society. Some of the most important schools of the South originated during the union of the different denominations, and some of the larger properties of other Churches have grown up from beginnings made by the organizers of the Methodist Society. Of the work and

present outlook of the Society the senior Corresponding Secretary speaks in the following words:

Nearly all the men connected with the organization of the Freedmen's Aid Society are now dead. Bishop Walden and Drs. Rust and Luke Hitchcock are the only living Methodist preachers who were active in its organization. A new generation of workmen is now largely responsible for its care and control, and the embittered opponents of the work in the South are nearly all gone. The millions of dollars expended in the States which were slave territory have revolutionized the neighborhoods in which the money was expended, and not only are the small schools grown to colleges and universities, but Annual Conferences, many of whose members were educated in the schools, have sprung up as if by magic, from Virginia to Mexico. More than one hundred thousand young people have attended the schools, and many thousands of teachers with hundreds of preachers and physicians have graduated from them. The total expenditures of the Society since its organization amount to nearly four and a half millions of dollars. The expenditures during the last four years amount to $1,215,938.82. The total expenses for 1895-6 were $212,921.83. The erection of a large number of school buildings, with the unexpected hard times and consequent loss of collections and donations, have involved the Society in an indebtedness aggregating more than $200,000, but in response to the special appeal made to the Church to pay the debt, it is expected that a great part of the burden will be lifted. A new quadrennium is begun with the present year, and a number of changes have taken place among the officers of the Society, and in the Board of Managers and General Committee. The junior Corresponding Secretary is the first of his race to receive an election to the secretaryship of any one of the great benevolent societies. His election has given much satisfaction and great encouragement to the people of African descent.

Annual Report.—The General Committee held its meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., November 9 and 10, 1896. The Board of Managers reported at this meeting as follows:

Schools among colored people, 22. Theological seminary, 1; teachers, 4; students, 96. Schools having collegiate grade, 10; value, $1,010,000; professors, 161; students, 3,242. Academies, 11; value, $180,000; teachers, 52; students, 1,543. Total value of 22 schools, $1,290,000; teachers, 217; students, 4,881.

Schools among whites, 22. Colleges, 3; professors, 74; students, 1,248; value, $465,000. Academies, 19; teachers, 71; students, 2,210; value, $183,800. Total value of 22 schools, $648,800; teachers, 145; students, 3,458.

Grand total of teachers, including 96 "practice teachers" in colored schools and 25 in white schools, 477; students, 8,396. Of these, preparing for the ministry, 225; in medical course, 226; in law, 10; in manual training and trade schools, 1,549 colored students. Total value of property, $1,978,800.

Total receipts of the Society for the year ending June 30, 1896, $214,071.19; total expenditures, $212,921.83; balance in treasury, $1,149.36.

Apportionments for 1897.—Various changes were made by the General Committee in the amounts of money apportioned to the Annual Conferences and Missions. The following is an alphabetical list of the Conferences, with the amounts asked:

CONFERENCES.	Amounts.	CONFERENCES.	Amounts.
Alabama	$250	New York	$10,000
Arizona Mission	100	New York East	10,000
Arkansas	500	Newark	8,000
Atlanta	800	North Carolina	1,000
Atlantic Mission	50	North Dakota	500
Austin	500	North Indiana	3,500
Baltimore	9,000	North Montana Mission	100
Black Hills Mission	200	North Nebraska	700
Blue Ridge	200	North Ohio	3,000
California	2,500	North Pacific German Mission	50
California German	50	Northern German	400
Central Alabama	1,000	Northern Minnesota	1,200
Central German	1,000	Northern New York	3,500
Central Illinois	4,300	Northern Swedish Mission	200
Central Missouri	1,000	Northwest German	300
Central New York	4,700	Northwest Indiana	3,500
Central Ohio	4,600	Northwest Iowa	1,500
Central Pennsylvania	9,000	Northwest Kansas	600
Central Swedish	150	Northwest Nebraska	100
Central Tennessee	250	Northwest Swedish	600
Chicago German	500	Norwegian and Danish	300
Cincinnati	6,500	Ohio	6,000
Colorado	1,200	Oklahoma	200
Columbia River	500	Oregon	800
Delaware	1,800	Philadelphia	10,000
Des Moines	4,700	Pittsburg	5,000
Detroit	4,000	Puget Sound	700
East German	500	Rock River	700
East Maine	800	Saint John's River	250
East Ohio	6,000	Saint Louis	2,500
East Tennessee	500	Saint Louis German	700
Erie	4,000	Savannah	500
Florida	500	South Carolina	2,500
Genesee	4,500	South Dakota	500
Georgia	300	South Kansas	1,500
Gulf Mission	100	Southern California	1,500
Holston	1,500	Southern German	150
Idaho	200	Southern Illinois	2,000
Illinois	6,000	Southwest Kansas	1,000
Indiana	4,200	Sweden	100
Iowa	2,600	Tennessee	500
Kansas	2,000	Texas	1,000
Kentucky	1,500	Troy	5,000
Lexington	800	Upper Iowa	3,800
Little Rock	750	Upper Mississippi	1,500
Louisiana	1,500	Utah Mission	100
Maine	1,500	Vermont	1,500
Michigan	3,500	Virginia	300
Minnesota	1,500	Washington	2,800
Mississippi	1,000	West German	500
Missouri	1,000	West Nebraska	300
Montana	300	West Texas	1,000
Nebraska	1,000	West Virginia	1,200
Nevada Mission	100	West Wisconsin	1,200
New England	7,000	Western Norwegian-Danish	50
New England Southern	3,000	Western Swedish	50
New Hampshire	2,000	Wilmington	3,500
New Jersey	7,000	Wisconsin	1,800
New Mexico English	100	Wyoming	5,000
New Mexico Spanish	50	Wyoming Mission	150

Appropriations for 1897-8.—The Society's fiscal year begins with July 1 and ends June 30, and the appropriations are therefore made a year in advance. The following is the list of appropriations made to the schools, which begin in September or October, 1897:

SCHOOLS AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

Theological:

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.	$8,000

Collegiate:

Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.	6,000
Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.	5,800
Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss.	4,900
Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.	4,000
New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.	4,600
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.	5,600
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.	2,300
Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.	2,300
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.	2,300
George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.	1,800
New Orleans Medical College, New Orleans, La.	450
Total theological and collegiate	$48,050

Academic:

Haven Academy, Waynesboro, Ga.	$150
Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala.	600
Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla.	1,600
Gilbert Academy, Winsted, La.	2,400
Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss.	200
Morristown Academy, Morristown, Tenn.	2,600
Total academic.	$7,550
Total among colored people.	$55,600

SCHOOLS AMONG WHITE PEOPLE.

Collegiate:

U. S. Grant University, Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn.	$6,000
Fort Worth University, Fort Worth, Tex.	500
Total collegiate.	$6,500

Academic:

Aaron Academy, Aaron, N. C.	$50
Du Pont Academy, Du Pont, Ga.	50
Ellijay Academy, Ellijay, Ga.	150
Powell's Valley Academy, Well Spring, Tenn.	50
Mount Zion Academy, Mount Zion, Ga.	50
Baldwin Academy, Baldwin, La.	50
Mallalieu Academy, Kinsey, Ala.	75
Parrottsville Academy, Parrottsville, Tenn.	50
Fairview Academy, Trapp Hill, N. C.	50
Graham Academy, Marshallberg, N. C.	200

Kingsley Academy, Bloomington, Tenn.	$50
Woodland Academy, Cumberland, Miss.	100
Demorest Academy, Demorest, Ga.	100
McLemoresville Academy, McLemoresville, Tenn.	150
Murphy College, Sevierville, Tenn.	200
Summertown Academy, Summertown, Tenn.	150
Missouri Wesleyan Academy, Cameron, Mo.	300
Wesleyan Academy, Chuckey City, Tenn.	200
Bloomington College, Bloomington, Tenn.	100
Total academic	$2,125
Total among white people	$8,625
Total among colored people	55,600
Grand total all schools	$64,225
For other purposes	$45,450

Managers.—The new Board of Managers, which numbers eighteen ministers and twelve laymen elected by the recent General Conference with power to fill vacancies, is as follows:

Ministerial: Bishops J. M. Walden, W. F. Mallalieu, and D. A. Goodsell; Drs. R. S. Rust, Luke Hitchcock, Lewis Curts, T. H. Pearne, J. D. Walsh, Joseph Courtney, D. H. Moore, J. M. Shumpert, A. J. Nast, William Runyan, John Pearson, Christian Golder, J. F. Marlay, W. H. Hickman, and H. C. Weakley. *Laymen:* G. B. Johnson, J. N. Gamble, Gordon Wright, I. D. Jones, B. R. Cowen, R. T. Miller, W. F. Boyd, H. C. Dickhaut, D. D. Thompson, C. W. Bennett, D. D. Woodmansee, J. M. De Camp.

Officers.—The following is the present list of the officers of the Society, with their addresses:

President, Bishop J. M. Walden; *Vice Presidents*, R. S. Rust, D.D., General B. R. Cowan and Luke Hitchcock, D.D.; *Honorary Secretary*, R. S. Rust, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretaries*, J. W. Hamilton, D.D., M. C. B. Mason, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, W. H. W. Rees, D.D.; *Treasurer*, Lewis Curts, D.D., 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.; *Assistant Treasurer*, Homer Eaton, D.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city. Central office, 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Increased Facilities Demanded.—Of this the *Christian Educator* says:

The rate of increase at which the colored race multiplied between the years 1880 and 1890 would be 529,350 more black people in the country than there were when the census was taken in 1890. . . . The fearful responsibility calling for increased facilities for education must be evident to the most superficial students of the times, who find the natural increase of illiteracy . . . seventy per cent of the population.

Board of Education.

THIS organization is the outcome of the observance of the centennial year of 1866. It was chartered in 1869. Its work is of a general, as well as specific, character. Its general work, which is to promote all the interests of higher education in the Church, may be defined as follows:

It is the chief agency of the Church for stimulating, inspiring, and, in a measure, directing and supervising all the educational work of the Church. This work it accomplishes by the spread of educational literature; by correspondence with educational institutions; by the visits and addresses of its Secretary at Annual Conferences, ministerial gatherings, educational institutions, and elsewhere; by applying to all the colleges of the Church the standard of requirements for graduation to the baccalaureate degree furnished by the University Senate; by its influence in the matter of establishing and locating new institutions of learning; by maintaining a teachers' agency; by gathering and publishing important statistics from all the educational institutions of the Church; by fostering the observance of Children's Day for promoting the educational and moral interests of the youth of the Church, and by providing proper exercises for the observance of this day; by the administration of a fund in aid of needy students; and by whatever other means and agencies it may be able to command.

Children's Day.—This day is very largely observed throughout the whole Church, by authority of the General Conference. Of its observance the Secretary says:

The Board prepares an exercise for this day, which is very generally used. Nearly 800,000 of the last exercise, called "Our Young Crusaders," were used by the Sunday schools of the Church, securing an audience on that day for these exercises of between two and three millions of people. Every pastor of the Church is required by the Discipline to observe the second Sunday in June, or such other Sunday as may be more convenient, as Children's Day; to take a collection on this day, independent of all other collections, to be devoted to the Sunday School Children's Fund, administered by the Board of Education; and to forward such collection, entire, to the Secretary of the Board of Education.

Students Aided.—The Board administers a fund in aid of students, who must be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preparing for Christian service. Its work in this department has largely increased during the last few years, until now it has a large army of noble young men and women who are getting ready to lead forward the hosts of Methodism. Many of these are making the greatest sacrifices and living on

the slenderest fare, in order to prepare for this great work. The Secretary's annual report, December, 1896, gives the following summary of students aided:

Total number assisted during the year, 1,631, these were of 25 different nationalities and in 132 different schools. Of these 1,367 were male students, and 264 female students. About three fourths of them are preparing for ministerial and missionary work. The total number of students aided from the beginning has been 7,330, to the amount of $677,682.

The departments of study in which students were aided during the year are as follows:

Preparatory students, 677, to the amount of $22,215; collegiate students, 624, to the amount of $31,403; theological students, 296, to the amount of $16,765; professional students, 34, to the amount of $2,795.

The following was the geographical distribution of these beneficiaries by schools:

New England States, 171; Middle States, 324; Western States, 801; Southern States, 316; Foreign Missions, 19.

The intended calling of the one thousand six hundred and thirty-one students aided last year is as follows:

Ministry, 990; missionary, 141; ministry and missionary, 19; teaching, 312; other callings, 169.

Financial Statistics.—The collections have largely increased in recent years, so that the number of students now aided is nearly three times as large as it was nine or ten years ago. The latest financial statistics are as follows:

Total amount of loans for the school year ending July, 1896, $74,102.89. Receipts for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1896, $86,442. Total donations and collections during the year, $62,382. Returned loans, $11,473. Interest on invested funds, $12,587. The loans made in recent years are being paid in much larger proportion than those made in earlier years.

Officers.—The Corresponding Secretaries of the Board since its organization have been: C. C. North, E. O. Haven, D. P. Kidder, D. A. Goodsell, C. H. Payne. The present officers are:

President, Bishop E. G. Andrews; *Recording Secretary*, A. S. Hunt, D.D.; *Treasurer*, J. S. Stout; *Corresponding Secretary*, C. H. Payne, D.D.; *Trustees*, term to expire in 1908: Bishop J. F. Hurst, W. F. King, O. H. Durrell, J. D. Slayback. To expire in 1904: J. W. Lindsay, L. R. Fiske, Mark Hoyt, J. S. Stout. To expire in 1900: Bishop E. G. Andrews, A. S. Hunt, G. P. Hukell, James Long.

Educational Institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following list of Educational Institutions is taken from the Report of the Board of Education for 1896.

Colleges and Universities.

Name of Institution.	Location.	Present Chief Officer.	Value of Grounds and Buildings.	Total Endowment.	Amount of Debts.	Prof'rs and Teach-ers.	Stu-dents Last Year.
Albion College	Albion, Mich	Rev. L. R. Fiske, D.D., LL.D., President	$150,000	$425,000	$50,000	28	630
Allegheny College	Meadville, Pa	Rev. Wm. H. Crawford, D.D., President	130,000	150,000	.....	15	280
Baker University	Baldwin, Kan	Rev. L. H. Murlin, A.M., S.T.B., President	100,000	40,000	12,000	22	500
Baldwin University	Berea, O	M. F. Warner, A.M., B.D., M.D., President	131,113	21,500	.....	18	324
Black Hills College	Hot Springs, S. Dak	Rev. J. W. Hancher, A.M., S.T.D., President	54,000	50,000	45,000	12	162
Boston University	Boston, Mass	Rev. Wm. F. Warren, S.T.D., LL.D., Pres	706,000	960,565	85,000	123	1,252
Central Tennessee College	Nashville, Tenn	Rev. J. Braden, D.D., President	105,000	15,000	8,000	39	467
Central Wesleyan College	Warrenton, Mo	Rev. George B. Addicks, A.B., A.M., Pres	92,000	71,460	2,000	12	249
Chaddock College	Quincy, Ill	Rev. B. W. Baker, M.A., Ph.D., President	75,000	8,000	18,000	13	127
Charles City College	Charles City, Ia	J. F. Hirsch, A.M., President	40,000	16,000	6,000	8	165
Claflin University	Orangeburg, S. C	Rev. L. M. Dunton, A.M., D.D., President	150,000	.....	.....	20	570
Clark University	South Atlanta, Ga	Rev. D. C. John, A.M., D.D., President	100,000	150,000	.....	13	330
Cornell College	Mount Vernon, Ia	Rev. W. F. King, D.D., LL.D., President	215,000	210,000	35,000	29	563
Dakota University	Mitchell, S. Dak	Rev. W. I. Graham, A.M., D.D., President	75,000	.....	6,000	12	195
De Pauw University	Greencastle, Ind	Rev. H. A. Gobin, D.D., Acting President	204,692	226,553	.....	39	707
Dickinson College	Carlisle, Pa	Rev. George E. Reed, D.D., LL.D., Pres	341,800	386,416	66,752	22	342
Fort Worth University	Fort Worth, Tex	Rev. Oscar L. Fisher, A.M., D.D., President	125,000	.....	14,000	44	832
German Wallace College	Berea, O	Rev. C. Riemenschneider, President	55,000	70,000	.....	6	125
Hamline University	Hamline, Minn	Rev. G. H. Bridgman, D.D., President	200,000	265,000	30,000	15	352
Hedding College	Abingdon, Ill	Rev. J. G. Evans, D.D., LL.D., President	100,000	56,000	6,000	20	364
Illinois Wesleyan University	Bloomington, Ill	Rev. W. H. Wilder, M.A., D.D., President	150,000	170,000	22,000	40	1,625
Iowa Wesleyan University	Mt. Pleasant, Ia	Rev. C. L. Stafford, A.M., D.D., President	300,000	75,000	10,000	16	407
Kansas Wesleyan University	Salina, Kan	Rev. Edward W. Mueller, A.M., S.T.B., Pres	50,000	65,000	2,000	19	305

Lawrence University	Appleton, Wis	Rev. Samuel Plantz, D.D., Ph.D., President	150,000	150,000	5,000	21	272
McKendree College	Lebanon, Ill	McKendree H. Chamberlin, A.M., LL.B., Pres.	60,000	59,000	.. ..	16	276
Moore's Hill College	Moore's Hill, Ind	Rev. J. H. Martin, A.M., D.D., President	60,000	25,000	.. ..	9	228
Morgan College	Baltimore, Md	Rev. F. J. Wagner, A.M., D.D., President	100,000	23,000	12,000	9	153
Mount Pleasant German College	Mt. Pleasant, Ia	Rev. Frederick Munz, A.M., President	20,000	25,600	.. ..	3	57
Mount Union College	Alliance, O	Rev. T. P. Marsh, D.D., LL.D., President	200,000	75,000	1,200	19	532
Nebraska Wesleyan University	University Place, Neb	Rev. Isaac Crook, A.M., D.D., Chancellor	188,000	219,000	60,686	14	390
New Orleans University	New Orleans, La	Rev. L. G. Adkinson, A.M., D.D., President	100,000	.. ..	5,000	25	603
Northwestern University	Evanston, Ill	Henry Wade Rogers, A.M., LL.D., President	1,652,551	2,466,236	.. ..	237	2,413
Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware, O	Rev. James W. Bashford, D.D., Ph.D., Pres	557,000	501,240	57,713	51	1,125
Philander Smith College	Little Rock, Ark	Rev. Thos. Mason, A.M., D.D., President	30,000	.. ..	.. ..	14	312
Portland University	Portland, Ore	Rev. C. C. Stratton, A.M., D.D., President	110,000	140,000	.. ..	24	271
Puget Sound University	Tacoma, Wash	Rev. C. R. Thoburn, A.M., Chancellor	30,000	50,000	18,000	15	236
Red River Valley University	Wahpeton, N. Dak	Rev. M. V. B. Knox, D.D., Ph.D., President	45,000	.. ..	15,000	6	123
Rust University	Holly Springs, Miss	Rev. C. E. Libby, S.T.D., President	100,000	.. ..	.. ..	10	230
Saint Paul's College	St. Paul Park, Minn	Rev. C. W. Hertzler, A.B., President	51,000	29,166	10,025	5	87
Scio College	Scio, O	Rev. R. M. Freshwater, A.M., D.D., Acting Pr.	35,000	.. ..	.. ..	17	487
Simpson College	Indianola, Ia	Rev. Fletcher Brown, A.M., B.D., President	100,000	100,000	.. ..	19	398
Southwest Kansas College	Winfield, Kan	Rev. C. A. Place, A.M., B.D., President	60,000	.. ..	20,000	16	209
Syracuse University	Syracuse, N. Y	Rev. Jas. R. Day, S.T.D., Chancellor	1,091,063	778,901	107,602	92	911
Taylor University	Upland, Ind	Rev. T. C. Reade, A.M., B.D., President	45,000	.. ..	2,800	11	162
Union College	Barbourville, Ky	Rev. Daniel Stevenson, A.M., D.D., Pres	9,000	7,000	.. ..	5	92
University of Denver	Denver, Colo	Rev. William F. McDowell, Ph.D., D.D., Ch	320,000	865,000	148,000	90	504
University of the Pacific	San Francisco, Cal	Rev. J. N. Beard, A.M., D.D., President	250,000	55,000	60,000	34	372
University of Southern California	Los Angeles, Cal	Rev. G. W. White, A.M., President	150,000	250,000	15,000	54	448
Upper Iowa University	Fayette, Ia	Rev. John W. Bissell, A.M., D.D., President	75,000	54,785	.. ..	22	436
U. S. Grant University	Athens & Chat'ga, Tenn	Bishop I. W. Joyce, LL.D., Chancellor	300,000	.. ..	.. ..	57	614
Wesleyan University	Middletown, Conn	Rev. B. P. Raymond, D.D., LL.D., President	668,535	1,140,124	25,000	32	288
Wiley University	Marshall, Tex	Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., President	25,000	.. ..	.. ..	11	284
Willamette University	Salem, Ore	Rev. Willis C. Hawley, A.M., President	200,000	45,000	24,000	55	404
Woman's College of Baltimore	Baltimore, Md	Rev. J. F. Goucher, A.M., D.D., President	652,589	354,752	.. ..	38	369

Institutions Exclusively for Women.

Chicago Training School	Chicago, Ill	Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, A.M., M.D., Prin	*$..	$..	$..	30	58
Drew Seminary and Female College	Carmel, N. Y	Rev. James M. Yeager, M.A., D.D., President	40,000	.. ..	10,000	7	40
Fort Edward Collegiate Institute	Fort Edward, N. Y	Rev. Jos. E. King, D.D., Ph.D., President	80,000	.. ..	.. ..	12	84
Illinois Female College	Jacksonville, Ill	Rev. Jos. R. Harker, Ph.D., President	60,000	2,000	.. ..	16	195
Lasell Seminary for Young Women	Auburndale, Mass	Charles C. Bragdon, A.M., Principal	140,000	.. ..	.. ..	32	168
Pittsburg Female College	Pittsburg, Pa	Rev. N. H. Holmes, A.M., D.D., President	85,000	85,000	35,000	14	98
Woman's College of Baltimore†	Baltimore, Md	Rev. J. F. Goucher, A.M., D.D., President	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	38	369

*See statistics in "Missionary Institutes and Bible Training Schools."

†For fuller statistics see "Colleges and Universities."

Classical Seminaries.

Name of Institution.	Location.	Present Chief Officer.	Value of Grounds and Buildings.	Total Endowment.	Amount of Debts.	Prof'rs and Teachers.	Students Last Year.
Aaron Seminary	Montezuma, N. C.	N. S. Ridenour, B.S., Principal	$5,000	$.....	$.....	2	50
Albuquerque College	Albuquerque, N. Mex.	Rev. Thos. Harwood, A.M., D.D., Principal.	10,000	.....	.....	3	75
Baldwin Academy	Baldwin, La.	Rev. Chas. K. Woodson, A.M., Principal	20,000	.....	.....	3	25
Beaver College and Musical Institute	Beaver, Pa.	Wm. J. Alexander, A.M., President	50,000	300	12,000	12	185
Bennett College	Greensboro, N. C.	Rev. J. D. Chavis, A.M., B.D., President	30,000	.....	505	10	203
Blinn Memorial College	Brenham, Tex.	Rev. Carl Urbanike, President	15,000	31,200	.....	5	101
Bremen College	Bremen, Ky.	G. V. Gordon, A.B., President	4,000	.....	.....	6	53
Carleton College	Farmington, Mo.	E. A. Carleton, A.M., President	25,000	6,100	2,000	6	80
Cazenovia Seminary	Cazenovia, N. Y.	Rev. I. N. Clements, A.M., Principal	75,000	38,000	.....	9	235
Centenary Collegiate Institute	Hackettstown, N. J.	Rev. W. P. Ferguson, A.B., B.D., President.	230,000	.....	.....	15	190
Central Alabama Academy	Huntsville, Ala.	Rev. A. W. McKinney, Principal	10,000	.....	.....	4	130
Chamberlain Institute	Randolph, N. Y.	Rev. E. A. Bishop, A.M., D.D., President	72,775	115,824	5,500	10	203
Claverack College & Hudson River Inst.	Claverack, N. Y.	Rev. Arthur H. Flack, A.M., President	45,000	.....	600	13	124
Cookman Institute	Jacksonville, Fla.	Miss Lillie M. Whitney, Principal	25,000	.....	.....	9	247
Demorest Normal School	Demorest, Ga.	J. S. Jennings, President	1,000	.....	60	5	43
De Pauw College*	New Albany, Ind.	Adelaide L. Packer, Principal	2,000	.....	254	7	78
East Greenwich Academy	East Greenwich, R. I.	Rev. F. D. Blakeslee, A.M., D.D., President.	52,000	30,000	3,500	13	209
East Maine Conference Seminary	Bucksport, Me.	Rev. A. F. Chase, Ph.D., President	30,000	20,000	1,500	9	277
Ellijay Seminary	Ellijay, Ga.	Rev. R. A. Simonds, A.B., President	8,000	.....	.....	3	104
Epworth Seminary	Epworth, Ia.	Rev. W. S. Lewis, A.M., D.D., Principal	40,000	.....	3,200	12	252
Fair View Academy	Trapp Hill, N. C.	M. L. Roark, A.B., Principal	1,500	.....	.....	2	132
Genesee Wesleyan Seminary	Lima, N. Y.	Rev. J. P. Ashley, A.M., S.T.B., Ph.D., Prin.	87,000	70,000	20,000	13	210
George R. Smith College	Sedalia, Mo.	Rev. E. A. Robertson, A.M., President	60,000	.....	.....	10	60
Gilbert Academy and Industrial Institute	Winsted, La.	Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., President	40,000	.....	.....	19	117
Graham Academy	Marshallberg, N. C.	Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, D.D., President	3,000	.....	100	3	121
Grand Prairie Seminary	Onarga, Ill.	Rev. S. Van Pelt, A.M., D.D., President	40,000	25,000	16,000	12	414
Haven Normal Academy*	Waynesboro, Ga.	Miss Carrie Fairchild, A.B., Principal	6,000	.....	.....	5	189
Hayward Collegiate Institute*	Fairfield, Ill.	G. P. Wadsworth, A.M., President	15,000	.....	.....	8	204
Hillsboro College	Hillsboro, O.	Rev. C. F. Enyart, A.M., President	30,000	6,000	.....	11	115
Holston Seminary	New Market, Tenn.	P. L. Breeding, Chairman Board Trustees.	2,500	.....	.....	3	103
Iliff Academy	Payson, Utah.	Rev. A. W. Hartshorn, Principal	3,000	.....	.....	4	173
Ives Seminary	Antwerp, N. Y.	Hon. Willard Ives, President	30,500	5,000	.....	6	90
Jennings Seminary	Aurora, Ill.	Rev. A. R. Cronce, D.D., President	75,000	5,000	3,000	9	184
Kingsley Seminary	Bloomingdale, Tenn.	Jos. H. Ketron, A.M., Principal	2,200	.....	.....	3	102
Little Rock University*	Little Rock, Ark.	Rev. R. W. F. Shedd, D.D., President	65,000	.....	.....	6	90
Maine Wesleyan Seminary	Kent's Hill, Me.	Rev. Chas. W. Gallagher, D.D.	120,000	115,000	7,000	15	275
Mallalieu Seminary	Kinsey, Ala.	Rev. Geo. M. Hamlin, D.D., President	5,000	.....	800	4	89
Marionville Collegiate Institute	Marionville, Mo.	Rev. M. L. Curl, D.D., President	8,000	.....	1,200	5	148
McLemoresville Collegiate Institute	McLemoresville, Tenn.	Rev. L. S. Mitchell, A.M., Presdient	5,000	.....	.....	6	125

Meridian Academy	Meridian, Miss	Rev. J. L. Wilson, A.B., B.D., Principal	2,000	.....	.....	3	180
Missouri Wesleyan College	Cameron, Mo.	Chas. F. Spray, A.M., President	20,000	1,100	3,000	10	200
Montana Wesleyan University	Helena, Mont.		50,000	.....	45,000	6	100
Montpelier Seminary	Montpelier, Vt.	Rev. E. M. Smith, A.M., D.D., President	89,227	29,557	39,625	11	225
Morristown Normal Academy	Morristown, Tenn.	Rev. J. S. Hill, A.M., D.D., President	30,000	.....	3,800	13	200
Mount Zion Seminary	Mount Zion, Ga.	R. C. Bramlett, A.B., Principal	5,000	.....	.....	3	174
Murphy College	Sevierville, Tenn.	Rev. J. C. Eckles, D.D., President	15,000	.....	4,000	7	302
New Hampshire Conf. Sem.& Female Coll.	Tilton, N. H.	Rev. J. M. Durrell, D.D., President	76,200	65,000	16,150	12	232
Parrottsville Academy	Parrottsville, Tenn	R. P. Driskill, A.M	5,000	.....	300	2	75
Pennington Seminary	Pennington, N. J.	Rev. Thos. Hanlon, D.D., LL.D., President	165,000	5,000	.....	18	228
Powell's Valley Seminary	Well Spring, Tenn	Walter Franklin, A.B., Principal	2,000	.....	.....	3	186
Salt Lake Seminary*	Salt Lake City, Utah	Rev. T. C. Iliff, D.D., President	100,000	.....	20,000	3	80
Summertown Seminary	Summertown, Tenn.	W. S. Renick, Principal	3,000	.....	.....	*2	*115
Troy Conference Academy	Poultney, Vt.	Rev. Chas. H. Dunton, D.D., Principal	75,000	9,000	.....	12	206
Wesleyan Academy	Wilbraham, Mass.	Rev. Wm. R. Newhall, M.A., Principal	152,500	64,000	.....	15	270
Western Reserve Seminary	West Farmington, O.	Rev. T. H. Armstrong, A.M., Ph.D., President	10,000	2,500	.....	6	64
West Virginia Conference Seminary	Buckhannon, W. Va.	Rev. B. W. Hutchinson, A.M., S.T.B., Pres.	80,000	.....	18,000	13	307
Williamsport Dickinson Seminary	Williamsport, Pa.	Rev. E. J. Gray, D.D., President	125,000	.....	.....	15	320
Wilmington Conference Academy	Dover, Del.	W. L. Gooding, Ph.D., Principal	80,000	.....	25,000	7	155
Woodland Academy*	Clarkson, Miss.	Rev. J. B. Scott, Principal	3,000	.....	.....	3	112
Wyoming Seminary	Kingston, Pa.	Rev. L. L. Sprague, D.D., President	250,000	30,000	11,500	20	540

* No report received; statistics as given last year.

N. B.—Morningside College, Morningside, Sioux City, Ia., Rev. G. W. Carr, President, should be included in the list of institutions, but was unintentionally omitted because of failure to receive a report. It has about 200 students.

Foreign Mission Schools.

Cape Palmas Seminary	Cape Palmas, Liberia	Mrs. D. E. Osborne, Principal	$7,000	$.....	$.....	2	75
Kroo School	Mourovia, Liberia	Miss Mary A. Sharp	.....	.....	.....	..	25
Monrovia Seminary	Monrovia, Liberia	Hon. A. D. Williams, M.A., Principal	6,000	.....	.....	1	60
American Girls' School	Loftcha, Bulgaria	Miss Kate B. Blackburn, Principal	8,000	.....	.....	7	50
Literary and Theological Institute	Sistof, Bulgaria		10,000	.....	.....	4	40
Girls' High School	Rangoon, Burmah	Miss J. E. Wisner, B.A.	15,000	.....	.....	10	213
Anglo-Chinese College	Foochow, China	Rev. George B. Smyth, A.B., B.D.	22,000	.....	.....	12	135
Theological Seminary	Foochow, China	Rev. J. H. Worley, A.M., President	3,000	.....	.....	2	27
Boys' High School	Foochow, China	Mrs. G. L. Worley, Principal	1,000	.....	.....	2	25
Girls' Boarding School	Foochow, China	Miss Julia Bonafield	14,000	.....	.....	5	105
Lay Training School	Foochow, China		.....	.....	.....	..	..
Chinkiang M. E. Girls' School	Chinkiang, China	Miss Mary C. Robinson, Principal	8,000	.....	.....	3	40
Chungking Institute	Chungking, China	Rev. W. E. Manley, Superintendent	3,500	.....	.....	3	37
Theological School	Hinghua, China	Rev. W. N. Brewster, Principal	.....	.....	.....	3	27
Boys' Boarding School	Hinghua, China		.....	.....	.....	2	30
Kiukiang Institute	Kiukiang, China	Ralph O. Irish, A. B., Principal	10,000	.....	.....	8	70
Girls' School	Kiukiang, China	Miss Gertrude Howe.	10,000	.....	.....	4	50
Nanking University	Nanking, China	Rev. J. C. Ferguson, B.A., President	20,000	.....	.....	16	95
Peking University	Peking, China	Rev. H. H. Lowry, M.A., D.D.	20,000	.....	.....	21	140

Foreign Mission Schools.—Continued.

Name of Institution.	Location.	Present Chief Officer.	Value of Grounds and Buildings.	Total Endowment.	Amount of Debts.	Prof'rs and Teachers.	Students Last Year.
Girls' Boarding School	Peking, China	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell	$18,000	$.....	$....	5	125
Girls' Boarding School	Peking, China	Miss Anna E. Steere, Principal	8,000	.....	....	4	62
Tientsin Intermediate School	Tientsin, China	Rev. Frederick Brown	2,000	.....	....	3	50
Training School for Bible Women	Tientsin, China	Miss Frances O. Wilson	.....	.....	....	..	..
High School	Tsunhua, China	Rev. G. R. Davis	.....	.....	....	4	55
Girls' Boarding School	Tsunhua, China	Miss Ella Glover	.....	.....	....	..	..
Copenhagen Theological School	Copenhagen, Denmark	Rev. S. K. Johansen, Superintendent	.....	.....	....	3	4
Martin Mission Institute	Frankfort, Germany	Rev. P. G. Junker, Director	56,000	.....	....	3	22
Baldwin High Schools	Richmondtown, India	T. R. Toussaint, B.A., Principal	8,571	.....	1,714	13	189
Bareilly Orphanage and Boarding School	Bareilly, India	Miss F. M. English, Superintendent	15,500	.....	...	15	236
Bareilly Theological Seminary	Bareilly, India	Rev. F. M. Neeld, M.A., B.D., President	19,000	.....	....	7	78
Girls' Boarding School	Bijnour, India	.....	5,500	.....	....	6	60
Calcutta Boys' School	Calcutta, India	.....	75,000	.....	....	26	621
Sigler Boarding School for Girls	Budaon, India	Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Wilson	4,500	.....	....	4	69
Girls' High School	Calcutta, India	Miss Emma L. Knowles	.....	.....	....	13	230
Girls' High School	Cawnpore, India	Miss Ida Lauck	7,000	.....	....	4	73
Girls' Boarding School and Orphanage	Dwarahat, India	Mrs. J. T. McMahon	11,000	.....	....	3	31
Girls' Boarding School and Orphanage	Gonda, India	Miss Frances A. Scott	4,666	.....	....	7	40
Lucknow Woman's College	Lucknow, India	Miss Isabella Thoburn, Principal	35,000	.....	....	14	177
Reid Christian College	Lucknow, India	Rev. W. A. Mansell, M.A., S.T.B., Principal	40,000	10,000	....	21	202
Central High School	Moradabad, India	Rev. L. A. Core, B.A., B.D., Principal	10,000	.....	....	15	288
Girls' High School	Moradabad, India	Miss Kemper	5,500	.....	....	12	188
Philander Smith Institute	Mussoorie, India	Rev. Henry Mansell, M.A., D.D., Principal	18,666	.....	....	9	132
Boys' High School	Naini Tal, India	Rev. S. S. Dease, M.D., Principal	27,000	3,400	21,000	9	90
Wellesley Girls' High School	Naini Tal, India	Miss S. A. Easton, M.A., Superintendent	27,000	1,448	....	12	149
Pauri Mission Central School	Pauri, Garhwal, India	Rev. Joseph H. Gill, A.M., B.D., Principal	1,500	.....	....	12	200
Phila. Orphanage and Boarding School	Pauri, Garhwal, India	Mrs. Joseph H. Gill	3,300	.....	....	12	85
Girls' Boarding School	Pithoragarh, India	Miss Budden	3,000	.....	....	..	..
Taylor High School	Poona, India	Rev. D. O. Fox	.....	.....	....	..	125
Boys' Orphanage	Shahjehanpore, India	Rev. J. Blackstock	4,000	.....	....	..	150
Girls' Boarding School	Shahjehanpore, India	Miss L. Heafer	3,666	.....	1,666	8	87
Girls' Boarding School	Sitapur, India	Mrs. D. C. Monroe	3,000	.....	....	..	..
Methodist Theological School	Rome, Italy	Rev. N. Walling Clark, B.D., President	.....	.....	....	5	7
Girls' Boarding School	Fukuoka, Japan	Miss Leonora Seeds	8,500	.....	....	6	82
Carolina Wright Memorial School	Hakodate, Japan	Miss Augusta Dickerson, Principal	11,000	.....	....	11	113
Chinzei Seminary	Nagasaki, Japan	Rev. E. R. Fulkerson, D.D., Ph.D., Dean	8,000	.....	....	7	78
Girls' Boarding School	Nagasaki, Japan	Miss Elizabeth Russell	22,000	.....	....	17	187
Anglo-Japanese College	Aoyama, Tokio, Japan	Rev. Y. Honda, D.D., President	103,000	10,000	....	20	127
Preparatory Girls' School	Aoyama, Tokio, Japan	Miss Rebecca J. Watson, Principal	15,000	.....	....	25	144

Girls' School	Nagoya, Japan	Miss H. S. Alling	3,219	.....	....	9	67
Anglo-Japanese Girls' School	Tokio, Japan	Miss Elizabeth R. Bender, A.M.	12,000	.....	....	18	53
Training School for Christian Women	Yokohama, Japan	Mrs. C. W. Van Petten, M.A.	8,000	.....	....	6	28
Boys' High School	Seoul, Korea	Rev. H. G. Appenzeller, A.M., B.D.	10,000	.....	....	7	169
Girls' Boarding School	Seoul, Korea	Miss Josephine O. Paine	9,000	.....	....	4	42
Anglo-Chinese School	Singapore, Malaysia	Rev. C. C. Kelso, B.A.	20,000	.....	....	13	828
Girls' Boarding School	City of Mexico, Mexico	Miss Mary De F. Loyd, B.S.	40,000	.....	....	8	179
Juarez School	City of Mexico, Mexico	Rev. Edmundo Ricoy	.....	.....	....	2	137
Pachuca Girls' School	Pachuca, Mexico	Miss Mary Hastings	11,000	.....	....	8	387
Girls' School and Normal Institute	Puebla, Mexico	Miss A. B. Limberger	27,000	.....	....	5	214
Mexican Methodist Institute	Puebla, Mexico	Rev. J. W. Butler, D.D., Acting President	35,000	.....	....	9	40
Norway Theological School	Christiania, Norway	Rev. E. Halvorsen, Principal	.....	4,642	....	2	9
South American School of Theology	Buenos Ayres, S. A.	Rev. F. D. Tubbs, M.A., President	25,000	.....	....	5	13
Girls' Boarding School	Montevideo, S. A	Miss Eleanore Le Huray	.....	.....	....	..	..
Girls' Boarding and Day School	Rosario, S. A	Miss Mary F. Swaney, Superintendent	.....	.....	....	6	101
Girls' Boarding and Day School No. 2	Rosario, S. A	Senorita Consuelo Portea, Superintendent	.....	.....	....	3	94
Colonia Institute	Colonia Valdence, S. A.	Rev. B. A. Pous, B.D., Principal	1,300	.....	....	5	42
Sweden Theological School	Upsala, Sweden	Rev. A. Hallen, Ph.D., S.T.B., President	1,636	5,010	....	3	16

Missionary Institutes and Bible Training Schools.

Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions	Chicago, Ill	Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, A.M., M.D., Principal	$115,000	$.....	$2,500	30	58
Folts Mission Institute	Herkimer, N. Y	Rev. J. L. Davies, A.M., President	57,000	20,000	....	8	46
Japanese Training School	San Francisco, Cal.	Rev. T. Fujiwara	20,000	.....	.....	5	140
Lucy Webb Hayes Bible Training School	Washington, D. C.	Rev. A. H. Ames, M.D., D.D., President	30,000	.....	.....	12	23

Theological Institutions.

Bareilly Theological Seminary*	Bareilly, India	Rev. F. L. Neeld, M.A., B.D., Principal	$.....	$.....	$....	7	78
Boston University School of Theology	Boston, Mass	Rev. W. F. Warren, D.D., S.T.D., LL.D., Pres.	†.....	†.....	†....	9	150
Copenhagen Theological Institute*	Copenhagen, Denmark	Rev. Svend K. Johansen, Superintendent	.....	.....	....	3	4
De Pauw University, School of Theology	Greencastle, Ind	Rev. H. A. Gobin, A.M., D.D., Dean	‡.....	‡.....	‡....	3	54
Drew Theological Seminary	Madison, N. J	Rev. H. A. Buttz, D.D., LL.D., President	460,000	360,000	....	7	130
Foochow Theological Seminary*	Foochow, China	Rev. J. H. Worley, A.M., President	3,000	.....	....	2	27
Gammon Theological Seminary	Atlanta, Ga	Rev. W. P. Thirkield, A.M., D.D., President	100,000	600,000	15,000	4	84
Garrett Biblical Institute	Evanston, Ill	Rev. C. J. Little, D.D., President	100,000	600,000	....	9	153
Italy Theological School*	Rome, Italy	Rev. N. Walling Clark, B.D., President	.....	.....	....	5	7
Japanese Training School	San Francisco, Cal.	Rev. T. Fujiwara, President	§.....	§.....	§...	2	5
Martin Mission Institute*	Frankfort, Germany	Rev. P. G. Junker, Director	56,000	.....	....	3	22
Norway Theological School*	Christiania, Norway	Rev. E. Halvorsen, Principal	.....	4,642	....	2	9
Norwegian-Danish Theological Semin'ry	Evanston, Ill	Rev. N. E. Simonsen, D.D.	14,000	5,000	..	1	22

* Statistics given in Foreign Mission Schools.
† Included in statistics of Boston University.
‡ Included in statistics of De Pauw University.
§ Included in statistics of Japanese Training School.

Theological Institutions.—Continued.

Name of Institution.	Location.	Present Chief Officer.	Value of Grounds and Buildings.	Total Endowment.	Amount of Debts.	Prof'rs and Teach-ers.	Stu-dents Last Year.
Philander Smith Biblical Institute*.....	Aoyama, Tokio, Japan..	Rev. H. Mansell, M.A., D.D.....	$.....	$.....	$....	5	3
South American School of Theology†....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.....	Rev. F. D. Tubbs, M.A., President.....	25,000	.....	....	5	13
Swedish Theological Seminary	Evanston, Ill..	Rev. Albert Ericson, M.A, President	8,000	24,000	....	3	24
Theological School of Sweden†.....	Upsala, Sweden.....	Rev. A. Hallen, Ph.D., S.T.B., President.....	1,636	5.010	....	3	16
Mexican Methodist Institute of Theol'y†.	Puebla, Mexico.....	Rev. J. W. Butler, D.D., Acting President....	.....	.....	....	1	6
U. S. Grant University School of Theol'y..	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	Bishop I. W. Joyce, LL.D., Chancellor.....	‡.....	‡.....	‡....	3	26
Univ. of Denver, Iliff School of Theology	University Park, Colo.	Rev. W. F. McDowell, Ph.D., D.D., Chan.. ..	70,000	100,000	.. .	5	25

* A part of Anglo-Japanese College. † Statistics given in Foreign Mission Schools. ‡ Included in statistics of U. S. Grant University.

Summary of Educational Institutions.

The following recapitulation is the summary of the tables printed on the preceding pages. In the case of various institutions the Report of the Board of Education adds important explanations in footnotes, which it is not possible to insert in full. The reader should, therefore, consult this Report for 1896:

Class of Institutions.	Value of Grounds and Buildings.	Total Endowments.	Amount of Debts.	Professors and Teachers.	Total Students Last Year.
Theological Institutions.....	$837,636	$1,698,652	$15,000	82	858
Colleges and Universities.....	11,084,343	10,845,298	1,005,778	1,616	24,179
Classical Seminaries.....	2,686,402	673,581	263,594	484	10,083
Institutions exclusively for Women.....	465,000	87,000	45,000	149	1,012
Foreign Mission Schools.....	944,524	34,495	24,380	553	*8,014
Missionary Institutes and Bible Training Schools.....	222,000	20,000	2,500	55	267
Total.....	16,179,905	13,359,026	1,356,252	2,939	44,393
Less Schools duplicated.....	.....	.....	.....	139	1,071
Net total for year ending June, 1896.....	16,179,905	13,359,026	1,356,252	2,800	43,322
Net total for preceding year..	14,644,525	13,621,894	1,699,266	2,657	42.249
Increase.....	1,535,380	.....	.....	143	1,073
Decrease.....	.....	262,868	343,014	.....	....

* A few of this number are college students proper, but the number of such is small and the reports are incomplete.

The American Bible Society.

THIS organization was founded in 1816 for the object of encouraging "a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." It is undenominational, and is strikingly illustrative of the wisdom of Christian cooperation. Since 1840 each succeeding General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has given the Society its cordial indorsement.

Action of General Conference of 1896.—At the last General Conference, held in Cleveland, O., the following action was taken concerning the American Bible Society:

We learn that the receipts of the Society for its general purposes, during the quadrennium ending March 31, 1896, were $2,205,707.87. This includes $304,000 from a single legacy, the largest the Society ever received, and it also includes $978,094.45 received in return for books supplied at the cost, or less than the cost, of manufacture. The disbursements of the Society for general purposes during the same period were $2,125,632.72; or a yearly average of $531,408.18.

The issues of the Society for the four years amount to 6,173,933 volumes, there being a notable increase for each of these years. For the year ending March 31, 1893, the number was 1,394,863; for the year ending in 1896, 1,750,283, a net gain of over 355,000. Since its organization the Society has issued 61,705,841 volumes.

The contributions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Society for the past quadrennial period do not, we regret to say, show an increase, but rather a decrease. They were as follows:

1892	$35,266
1893	35,444
1894	32,853
1895	29,937
Total	$133,500

This total is $6,014 less than was reported for the preceding quadrennium. Small as is the total, it should be noted that it includes all the reported contributions to the Bible cause, and about two thirds of these contributions were paid to the local auxiliaries and used upon their respective fields. There has been a great falling off in the contributions of our Church to the Society in the past thirty years. In 1866 we gave $107,238; in 1871, $84,000; in 1895, only $30,000. While during these years we have greatly increased our contributions to our missionary and other societies, we have suffered our collections for the American Bible Society to dwindle to less than one third of what they were in 1866.

This lamentable decrease is in no wise due to any diminution in the work and usefulness of the Society. It publishes more volumes, circulates them more widely, and sends a far greater supply to the mission fields than ever before. It furnishes the Scriptures in about one hundred languages and dia-

lects. Nearly every copy possessed by any foreign mission of our Church came from the American Bible Society. The work of the Society in foreign fields has grown to large dimensions. Not only does it freely make grants of books to our foreign missions, but it also makes appropriations of money for colportage where its own agents are not established. Our Missionary Society has received for this purpose not less than $25,000 in the past four years. Last year the issue of volumes for all foreign fields exceeded for the first time the issue for our own country. The cost of this part of the work was $176,-799.54. In return $46,029.51 was received from foreign lands.

A study of the Society's sources of income shows us that outside of legacies, which are variable and uncertain, it received last year from investments about $27,000, from rents $37,000, from individual gifts $17,643, from church collections $22,229, and from auxiliary donations $27,159, making a total of $131,031. The appropriations for the coming year for foreign lands alone are $182,756. This proves abundantly that the widespread impression that the Society is wealthy and does not need help is erroneous. It does need the support of the churches, and unless this support is given its work will inevitably be curtailed.

It is manifest that the contributions to the Society ought to be increased. Our own Church ought at the very least to do twice as much during the coming, as in the past quadrennium. We do not believe that there is lack of interest on the part of our Church in the work of the Society. Each General Conference, for the past half century, has commended it and directed the pastors to take collections for it; but the multiplication of benevolences has pushed the claims of the Society aside.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this General Conference gives its hearty approval to the American Bible Society.

2. That we regard it as a strong bond between evangelical Churches, doing the Bible work of all without denominational distinction.

3. That its great work in foreign lands commends it to our support as a most efficient aid in the prosecution of foreign missions.

4. That we urge on all pastors not to omit the collection for the American Bible Society from the list of collections which they are charged to take, but to present to their congregations the duty of giving liberally for the support of this most worthy and important cause.

Officers.—The managers of the Society are elected at its annual meeting, on the second Thursday of May. All the officers of the Society are appointed by the managers. The present list is:

President, E. L. Fancher, LL.D.; *Secretaries*, Edward W. Gilman, D.D., Alexander McLean, D.D., Albert S. Hunt, D.D.; *Treasurer*, William Foulke; *General Agent*, C. T. Rowe. Headquarters, Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

Correspondence.—Letters relating to the general work, requests for grants of books, and communications for the *Bible Society Record*, should be addressed to the Secretaries at the Bible House, Astor Place, New York. Letters transmitting funds, or relating to accounts, life memberships, and legacies should be addressed to the Treasurer. Orders for Bibles and Testaments, the *Bible Society Record*, etc., should be addressed to the General Agent.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

This Society was organized in Boston, March 23, 1869. It was approved by the General Conference of 1872, and was incorporated December 27, 1884. Its purpose is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

The organization of this Society consists of a General Executive Committee, coordinate branches, and auxiliary societies. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society are vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each branch, which delegates, with two reserves, are elected at the branch annual meetings.

The duties of the General Executive Committee are to consider the interests of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the report of branch corresponding secretaries and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to devise means for carrying forward the work ; to fix the amounts to be raised ; to employ new missionaries, designating their field of labor ; to examine the reports of those already employed, and arrange with the several branches the work to be undertaken by each.

General Statistics.—The following are summaries of growth for the year 1896:

Twenty-five missionaries were sent to the foreign field during the year. There are now 170 missionaries supported by the Society, of whom 22 are medical. The Society has work in China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Burmah, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America, and Mexico.

Auxiliary societies, 4,477; members, 113,748. Young women's societies, 622; members, 10,008. Mission bands, 709; members, 16,360. Total organizations, 5,808; total membership, 150,114; life members, 8,468; Conference secretaries, 68; district secretaries, 253.

The German work is scattered over the territory of nine German Conferences in the United States, and also in Germany and Switzerland. There are 27 organizations, with 927 members, in Switzerland; 22 in South Germany, with 755 members; 18 in North Germany, with 618 members. In the United States there are 145 organizations, with 3,525 members.

Finance.—The total amount of money collected from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896, is as follows, by branches:

New England Branch		$31,255 67
New York	"	45,842 66
Philadelphia	"	31,778 29
Baltimore	"	11,259 60
Cincinnati	"	39,756 33
Northwestern	"	69,536 66
Des Moines	"	26,050 14
Minneapolis	"	7,807 98
Topeka	"	13,464 02
Pacific	"	6,053 46
Columbia River	"	3,019 13
Total		$285,823 94

Appropriations.—The appropriations for the year 1897 amount to $327,309, which is an advance of $741 over 1896. The following amounts were appropriated last year:

India:	
North India Conference	$50,731 00
Northwest India Conference	22,116 00
South India Conference	15,695 00
Bombay Conference	21,062 00
Bengal-Burmah Conference	11,917 00
Total for India	$121,521 00
Malaysia	6,474 00
China:	
North China	$29,310 00
Central China	15,088 00
West China	2,265 00
Foochow	24,436 00
Total for China	$71,099 00

Japan	$47,271 00
Korea	11,978 00
Mexico	24,271 00
Italy	7,810 00
Bulgaria	4,100 00
South America	20,960 00
Germany	150 00
Switzerland	350 00
Contingent	10,584 00

Literature.—Three papers are published by the Society: *Woman's Missionary Friend*, with a circulation of 19,146; *Children's Missionary Friend*, having a subscription list of 18,325; and *Der Missions-Frauen Freund*, with 3,120 subscribers. A little paper called *The Study* is also issued for auxiliaries, which has a circulation of 21,564. The Society publishes a large amount of miscellaneous literature, the expense of which is met from the treasury of the *Woman's Missionary Friend.*

Corresponding Secretaries.—The officers of the various branches for the current year of 1896–97 are as follows:

New England: Mrs. L. A. Alderman, 32 Everett Street, Hyde Park, Mass.
New York: Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West Fifty-ninth Street, New York.
Philadelphia: Mrs. S. L. Keen, 1209 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Baltimore: Mrs. E. B. Stevens, New Boundary Avenue and Old York Road, Baltimore, Md.
Cincinnati: Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Pl., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.
Northwestern: Mrs. F. P. Crandon, 1414 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Ill.
Minneapolis: Mrs. C. S. Winchell, 120 State Street, Minneapolis, Minn.
Topeka: Miss Matilda Watson, 1701 South Seventeenth St., Lincoln, Neb.
Des Moines: Mrs. M. S. Huston, 502 Arch Street, Burlington, Ia.
Pacific: Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal, Pasadena, Cal.
Columbia River: Mrs. A. N. Fisher, 474 Jefferson Street, Portland, Ore.

Literature Committee.—The Literature Committee for the year 1897 is as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. J. T. Gracey; *Secretary*, Mrs. J. H. Knowles; Miss P. J. Walden, Miss Mary L. Ninde, Mrs. O. W. Scott. Editor *Woman's Missionary Friend*, Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, Auburndale, Mass.; of *Children's Missionary Friend*, Mrs. O. W. Scott, Willimântic, Conn.; of *Der Missions-Frauen Freund*, Mrs. C. Achard, St. Louis, Mo.

The next session of the General Executive Committee will be held in the autumn of 1897, at Denver, Colo.

The Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls.

[This institution, situated at Tivoli, N. Y., on the Hudson, is the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

THE field of this Society is in the United States. Its managers can, therefore, give personal supervision to its work, and can utilize various forces in the interest of economy not practicable in distant lands. The Society has seventy-five distinct missions, South, West, and in cities, including deaconess homes, in each of which from one to fifteen workers are employed. From its organization, in 1880, the Society has advanced steadily in membership, influence, and receipts.

Property.—In 1892 the Society reported to the General Conference mission property valued at $225,000. The present value of mission buildings owned by the Society is $482,300, distributed as follows: In the Southern States, $146,800; in Utah, $12,300; in New Mexico and Oklahoma, $15,000; on the Pacific slope, $9,000; in deaconess homes and city mission property, $299,200.

Frontier Work.—The appropriations paid to work in the South and West, including the frontier Conference work and the York Orphanage, during the last five years—the period in which the Society has been most engaged in deaconess work—have increased from $58,124 in 1891 to $67,997 in 1896.

Financial Statement.—The receipts of the Society during the previous years of its operation are summarized as follows:

The quadrennial reports made to the several General Conferences have been as follows: In the quadrennium ending 1884 the receipts were $27,303.10; in 1888, $217,365.15; in 1892, $556,641.36; in 1896, $896,633.87.

The receipts during the last year, ending July, 1896, are not included in the preceding figures, and were $224,743.45 (cash, $153,853.45, and supplies, $70,890). The total receipts for sixteen years are $1,993,576.93 (cash, $1,324,630.67; supplies, $668,946.26).

The receipts of the last quadrennium (October, 1891, to July, 1895) exceeded the total receipts of the Society from its organization to 1891, a period of eleven years and three months, by $95,324.26; and the receipts of the last year exceeded those of the one preceding by $22,033.23, including several donations of valuable property received during the year.

Membership.—The growth in membership is equally encouraging. In 1888 the number, including all classes, was 35,595; in 1892, 57,856; in 1896, 69,120.

Deaconess Work.—The success of this movement, as conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has been summarized as follows:

Five years ago the Society had seven deaconess homes; now it has twenty-seven homes, and a training school and hospital for the preparation of missionaries, deaconesses, and nurses. It has over one hundred and fifty trained women in the field. Its investments in city missions and deaconess homes have doubled the property possessions of the Society. It is the testimony of experience that missionary zeal is thereby so quickened that growth along all lines is strengthened by its influence. Deaconesses are found to be the best mission workers for the needs of great cities, and gradually their field of service is extending to the care of schools and orphanages, the instructing of nurses, and the care of hospitals. During the summer a Rest Home for Deaconesses was opened at Ocean Grove, where over fifty deaconesses and missionaries obtained recuperation. A deaconess mass meeting was held at Ocean Grove in July. Many homes were represented, while Bishops Ninde and Thoburn presided and guided the deliberations.

The last General Conference, by a vote that was practically unanimous, authorized the Woman's Home Missionary Society to use deaconesses in its work, and defined the duty of the Conference Board of Deaconesses "to encourage and promote the establishment and support" of homes. The deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is placed in the charge of the Bureau for Deaconess Work, consisting of two ladies from each place where a home is established, the General Superintendent, the Advisory Council, an Executive Committee, the Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary. Further information regarding the deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society can be obtained of the Secretary of the Deaconess Bureau, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 425 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Of the encouraging outlook of the work at the Harwood Home, Albuquerque, N. Mex., a recent leaflet of the Society speaks as follows:

Our Harwood Industrial Home in Albuquerque, N. Mex., is a blessing long waited for. Now its doors are open to receive girls to whom a real home life is a new experience. Under the wise, kind care of our superintendent and her associate they are trained to habits of industry and neatness. Careful attention is given to all branches of study that will fit them to care for a Christian home, and make them intelligently useful wherever Providence may lead them. . . . Albuquerque is the central commercial city of New Mexico; so to the Methodist Mexicans this industrial home will be a central light that will mean a new home life, better physical life, a higher plane of thought, a truer understanding of the teachings of the Saviour of mankind concerning woman and the trust committed to her in the saving of the world.

Deaconess Homes.—The following institutions are at present conducted under the auspices of the Society:

Name of Home.	Value of Property.	No. of Deaconesses.
Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home (401 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.) Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Superintendent.	$12,000	5
Baltimore Deaconess Home (708 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md.) Miss Annie L. Leidigh, Superintendent.	8,000	9
Brooklyn Deaconess Home (1034 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.)	500	14
Buffalo Deaconess Home (2978 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.) Miss E. A. Smith, Superintendent.	14,000	14
Cleveland Deaconess Home (268 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, O.) Miss E. A. McIlmoyl, Superintendent.	10,000	11
Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage (Urbana, Ill.)	15,000	1
Detroit Deaconess Home (53 Elizabeth Street West, Detroit, Mich.) Miss Lucretia A. Gaddis, Superintendent.	2,000	14
Des Moines Deaconess Home (1115 West Ninth Street, Des Moines, Ia.)	2,500	2
Knoxville Deaconess Home (517 Henly Street, Knoxville, Tenn.) Miss Rhoda E. Sigler, Superintendent.	....	2
Logan Deaconess Home (Logan, Utah.)	....	1
Los Angeles Deaconess Home (Los Angeles, Cal.)	300	4
Mt. Carmel Deaconess Home (Mt. Carmel, Pa.)	300	2
Ocean Grove Rest Home (Ocean Grove, N. J.)	500	..
Ogden Deaconess Home (Ogden, Utah.)	....	1
Philadelphia Deaconess Home (621 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.) Mrs. E. Turney, Superintendent.	19,000	5
Pittsburg Deaconess Home (2000 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.) Miss L. E. Eyler, Superintendent.	10,500	7
Provo Deaconess Home (Provo, Utah.)	1,000	1
Salt Lake City Deaconess Home (Salt Lake City, Utah.) Miss Spence, Superintendent.	5,000	4
San Antonio (San Antonio, Tex.) Miss Rose A. McLennan, Deaconess.	....	1
San Francisco Deaconess Home (315 Castro Street, San Francisco, Cal.) Mrs. H. Ida Benson, Superintendent.	1,000	14
Syracuse Deaconess Home (1519 Grape Street, Syracuse, N. Y.) Miss Sara M. Banta, Superintendent.	600	5
Washington Deaconess Home (Lucy Webb Hayes Home and Sibley Memorial Hospital) (1140 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.) A. H. Ames, D.D., Superintendent.	40,000	23
Wilmington Deaconess Home (Wilmington, Del.)	300	1
Total	$142,500	141

Literature.—The Society issues two papers monthly; *Woman's Home Missions*, with a circulation of 19,000, and *Children's Home Missions*, since January, 1896, with a circula-

tion of 8,500. Leaflets are distributed from the New York office, 150 Fifth Avenue, by Miss Martha Van Marter, Chairman of the Leaflet Committee, and from the general office, 222 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Officers.—There are no salaried officers in the employment of the Society. The list for the ensuing year is as follows:

President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; *Vice Presidents*, Mrs. G. O. Robinson, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. W. C. Herron; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. R. S. Rust; *Treasurer*, Mrs. D. L. Williams; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. F. A. Aiken; *Managers*, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. G. H. Thompson, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. E. L. Albright, and Mrs. Lewis Curts.

The next meeting of the General Board of Managers will be held at Baltimore, Md., in October, 1897.

Forms of Bequests.

Bequest to Missionary Society.—"I give and bequeath to THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: "I give and devise to THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the following lands and premises; that is to say [*brief description here*], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to Chartered Fund.—"I give and bequeath unto the Chartered Fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia, ... dollars."

Bequest to Church Extension Board.—"I give and bequeath to THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." Form of a devise of land to said Board: "I give and devise to THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the following land and premises; that is to say [*describe property here*], to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.—"I give and bequeath to the FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated under the General Laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of [*here insert amount*] for the purposes of said Society."

Bequest to Sunday School Union.—"I give unto the SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, established in the city of New York in the year of our Lord 1840, the sum of [*here insert amount*] for the purpose of said Union, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge."

Bequest to Tract Society.—"I give unto THE TRACT SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York,

passed April 20, 1874, the sum of [*here insert amount*] for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge."

Bequest to the Board of Education.—"I give and bequeath to THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, [*here insert amount*] for the purpose of said Society, for which the receipt of the Treasurer of said Board shall be a sufficient discharge." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise to THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the following lands and premises; that is to say: ..... To have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever."

Bequest to American Bible Society.—"I give and bequeath to the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, formed in New York in the year 1816, the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society."

Bequest to Methodist Episcopal Church Home, New York.—"I give and bequeath unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME, in the city of New York, the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being for the use of said Society." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise unto THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME, in the city of New York [*here describe property and ground rent*], together with the appurtenances and fee simple."

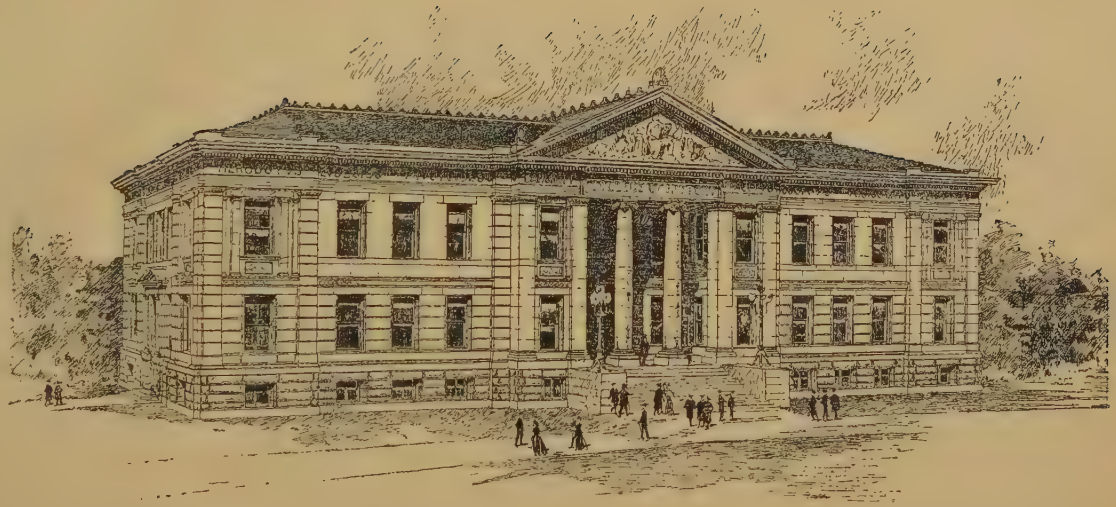
Bequest to the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church Home.—"I give and bequeath to THE BROOKLYN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME the sum of [*here insert amount*], to be applied to the use and purposes of said corporation, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge." In making devises of real estate the following form: "I give and devise unto THE BROOKLYN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME [*here describe the property and ground rent*], together with the appurtenances and fee simple."

Bequest to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—"I give and bequeath to the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge of my executors for the same." In case of a devise of real estate: "I give and devise to the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, all that certain [*here describe the property*], with the appurtenances, in fee simple, for the purposes of said Society."

Bequest to Woman's Home Missionary Society.—"I give and bequeath to the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of [*here insert amount*], and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same." In case of a devise of real estate: "I give and devise to the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say [*brief description here*], to have and to hold or dispose of the same with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever."

NOTE.—Bequests may be made to any Society not mentioned above by using the following form: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated under the general laws of the State of ——, the sum of [*here insert the amount*], in trust for the benefit and to be applied according to the direction of [*here insert the name of the Society for whose benefit the bequest is designed*].

The Will should be attested by three witnesses [in some States three are required, in other States only two], who should write against their names their places of residence [if in cities, their street and number]. The following form of attestation will answer for every State in the Union: "Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said [A. B.] as his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who, at the request of the said [A. B.], and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses." Some States require the Will to be made at least two months before death.



COLLEGE OF HISTORY, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

V.

Institutions and Organizations.

Do thou, O Carpenter of Galilee,
Teach me thy secret; let me learn of thee;
Send visions of those days when thou didst share
The lot of working man, his trials bear.
—*The Interior.*

The American University.

IN 1893 the American University was incorporated in the District of Columbia for postgraduate and professional courses of study and for original research. Its design is to secure the best and highest instruction in every department of human learning, under influences intellectually the strongest and spiritually the purest.

The search for a site for the institution in the suburban region of Washington began in January, 1890, and was continued until January 25, when an appropriate piece of ground was found. The merits of the chosen site lay chiefly in its being an undivided tract, elevated four hundred feet above the sea level, and of such surface as to make the entire space available for sites of buildings. It consists of ninety acres of ground on the northwest heights of the District of Columbia. It is a plateau from which the ground declines both on the city and country sides. The view from it toward the northwest commands the panorama of the Blue Ridge Mountains, forty miles away; on the city side, to the south and east, the eye rests upon the National Capitol, the Manassas plains, and the Potomac down to Alexandria. For a perfect atmosphere no better place could be found. This feature had to be considered with the utmost care, from the fact that students would live there, or in the neighborhood, from September to the fol-

NOTE.—The Editor has endeavored to catalogue all the interests that should have a place in this chapter. He does not claim, however, that his inquiry, though diligent, has been exhaustive.

lowing June. The first payment on the site was made February 28, 1890, and the last payment, making $100,000 in all, was made March 1, 1895.

Ground was broken for the College of History March 9, 1896, and the corner stone was laid October 21, 1896. Both occasions were marked by the presence of large assemblies of people, by impressive ceremonies, and by eloquent addresses from distinguished speakers. Other facts of special interest in the progress of the University during the year past are:

The gift in November, 1895, of a business block, valued at $10,000, in Findlay, O., by Mr. John D. Flint, of Fall River, Mass.; a bequest of $25,000 from Mrs. Delia S. Root, late of Buffalo, who died November 10, 1895; the agreement completed by which the Board of Control of the Temperance Educational Association agrees to raise $250,000 for a College of Scientific Temperance in the University; the selection in December, 1895, of Messrs. Van Brunt and Howe, Kansas City, Mo., and William M. Poindexter, Washington, D. C., as associated architects of the College of History; the bequest of $50,000 for a building to represent the Methodist Church of Canada, from Hon. Hart A. Massey, late of Toronto, Ontario, who died February 20, 1896; the letting of the contract in June, 1896, for building the College of History to Mr. James L. Parsons for $158,600, and the beginning of the work; the probating, on July 30, of the will of the late Hon. Willard Ives, of Watertown, N. Y., containing the bequest of one fifth of his estate; the gift of a lady in August of property in New York, valued at $10,000, on an annuity; the announcement that Mr. De Witt C. Weeks, who died in August, 1896, in New York city, had left the University as his residuary legatee; the subscriptions by Methodist preachers for the Asbury Memorial Hall reaching in October, 1896, the sum of $100,000; and the gift on October 21, 1896, by General J. Watts de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y., of a Sanitarium for Consumptives, with seven acres of ground, located in Dutchess County, N. Y.

Notwithstanding the financial depression of the last three years the management is able to report the following assets:

Value of site and other real estate	$250,000
Building funds in hand and pledged	340,000
Endowment in bonds, securities, etc	200,000
Endowment pledged	250,000
Total	$1,040,000

Trustees.—The following constitute the present Board:

Terms to Expire in 1899.

Bishop Thomas Bowman, Missouri; J. M. Buckley, D.D., New York; Michael Burnham, D.D., Missouri; Hon. J. S Carr, North Carolina; J. A. M. Chapman, D.D., Pennsylvania; Bishop C. H. Fowler, New York; Hon.

H. N. Higinbotham, Illinois; Bishop J. F. Hurst, District of Columbia; J. M. King, D.D., New York; Bishop C. C. McCabe, Texas; Judge E. L. McComas, District of Columbia; Bishop J. P. Newman, California; A. J. Palmer, D.D., New York; Charles Scott, Pennsylvania; President W. W. Smith, Virginia; Judge W. M. Springer, Indian Territory; Bishop A. W. Wilson, Maryland.

Terms to Expire in 1903.

J. E. Andrus, New York; C. W. Buoy, D.D., Pennsylvania; A. B. Duvall, Hon. M. G. Emery, B. F. Leighton, and Mrs. J. A. Logan, District of Columbia; W. H. Milburn, D.D., Illinois; Hon. R. E. Pattison, Pennsylvania; Hon. Hiram Price, Iowa; J. E. Searles, New York; Mrs. Matthew Simpson, Pennsylvania; Mrs. E. J. Somers, District of Columbia; Hon. Jacob Tome, Maryland; Bishop J. H. Vincent, Kansas; D. B. Wesson, Massachusetts; S. W. Woodward, District of Columbia.

Terms to Expire in 1907.

A. B. Browne, District of Columbia; D. H. Carroll, D.D., Maryland; William Connell, Pennsylvania; Anderson Fowler, New York; Hon. John Fritz, Pennsylvania; C. C. Glover and J. E. Herrell, District of Columbia; Hon. J. B. Hobbs, Illinois; J. G. Holmes and G. P. Hukill, Pennsylvania; J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., J. S. Huyler, and Rev. A. M. Griffin, New York; Hon. John Patton, Pennsylvania; C. H. Payne, D.D., New York; T. H. Pearne, D.D., Ohio; B. H. Warner, District of Columbia.

Officers.—The officers are as follows:

President of Trustees, John E. Andrus; *Treasurer*, Matthew G. Emery; *Chancellor*, Bishop John F. Hurst, D.D., LL.D.; *Vice Chancellor*, Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, Ph.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. C. W. Baldwin, M.A.; *Registrar*, Rev. Albert Osborn, B.D. Correspondence should be addressed to The American University, 1425 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

FORM OF WILL FOR

"THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY,"

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

If a Legacy or Bequest:

I give and bequeath to "The American University," a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, the sum of [insert amount], and the receipt of its Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

If a Devise of Land:

I give and devise to "The American University," a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, the following land and premises [insert description], with the appurtenances, in fee simple, for the purposes of the said University.

If the Residue of an Estate:

I give, devise, and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal (including herein any and every legacy, bequest, or devise, that may lapse or for any reason fail to take effect), to "The American University," a corporation in the District of Columbia, its successors and assigns, for the purposes of said University.

The Epworth League.

The movement in behalf of the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church had its origin in 1872, when the memorial of the Church Lyceum was presented to the General Conference. From that time various independent societies flourished, and a general desire was felt for an organization which should include within its membership all the young people of the Church, and which should be a department of the Church. Such an organization was brought about in 1889, when representatives of five of these societies met in Cleveland, and on May 15 merged themselves into one society, the Epworth League.

This organization was warmly received throughout the Church, and its enrollment and membership rapidly increased beyond the societies from which it was formed. It received the formal indorsement of the General Conference in 1892, and took its place among the working forces of the denomination. It celebrated its seventh anniversary during the General Conference of 1896, and a great gathering under the authorization of the General Conference attested the love in which it is held by both old and young. On that date 16,306 regular chapters and 4,663 junior chapters, with a total membership of 1,500,000, were recorded at the Central Office.

During the past year the sale of the Epworth League literature has largely increased, and several valuable additions have been made to it. Two volumes have been added to the League at Work Series, *Fifty Literary Evenings* and the second series of *Fifty Social Evenings*. By resolution of the Board of Control the observance of Epworth League College Day during Thanksgiving Week was continued. Under direction of the First Vice President a missionary library has been arranged and a bureau of missionary information established. The Epworth League Reading Course, which in 1895–6 sold 6,000 sets, bids fair in 1896–7 to reach a sale of 15,000. Arrangements are already in progress for the Third International Conference of the Epworth League, to be held at Toronto, Canada, July 15–18, 1897. It will be participated in by the Epworth Leagues of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Church South, and of Canada.

Board of Control.—To this body is committed the management of the Epworth League. It is at present constituted as follows:

1. Appointed by the bishops: Bishop W. X. Ninde, Detroit, Mich. *Ministers:* Rev. W. I. Haven, Brookline, Mass.; J. H. Coleman, D.D., Albany, N. Y.; J. W. E. Bowen, D.D., South Atlanta, Ga.; E. M. Mills, D.D., Elmira, N. Y.; S. O. Royal, Troy, O. *Laymen:* R. R. Doherty, New York city; W. L. Woodcock, Altoona, Pa.; J. A. Patten, Chattanooga, Tenn.; F. A. Chamberlain, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. E. Piper, Chicago, Ill.; L. J. Norton, Napa, Cal.; R. S. Copeland, M.D., Ann Arbor, Mich.; H. A. Schroetter, Covington, Ky.; F. D. Fuller, Topeka, Kan.

2. Elected by General Conference Districts: C. R. Magee, Boston, Mass.; E. S. Osbon, D.D., Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. S. A. Morse, Corning, N. Y.; F. W. Tunnell, Germantown, Pa.; B. E. Helman, Cleveland, O.; Rev. M. M. Alston, Griffin, Ga.; Rev. W. D. Parr, Kokomo, Ind.; Rev. J. B. Albrook, Marshalltown, Ia.; Rev. W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; B. L. Paine, M.D., Lincoln, Neb.; Rev. Frank Gary, Galveston, Tex.; William Koeneke, D.D., Belleville, Ill.; Rev. J. W. Bennett, Bozeman, Mont.

General Cabinet.—This body is now constituted as follows:

President, Bishop W. X. Ninde, Detroit, Mich.; *First Vice President*, W. W. Cooper, Kenosha, Wis.; *Second Vice President*, Rev. W. I. Haven, Brookline, Mass.; *Third Vice President*, R. R. Doherty, Ph.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city; *Fourth Vice President*, H. C. Jennings, D.D., 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.; *General Secretary*, E. A. Schell, D.D., 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.; *General Treasurer*, C. E. Piper, Stock Exchange Building, Chicago, Ill.; *Editor Epworth Herald*, J. F. Berry, D.D., 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.; *German Assistant Secretary*, F. L. Nagler, D.D., 220 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, O.

Institutions for Children.

INCREASED attention has of late been given by the Methodist Episcopal Church to the care of destitute and orphaned childhood. Among the institutions maintained for this end are the following:

Central Wesleyan Orphan Asylum.—This institution is situated at Warrenton, Mo. It was founded in 1864; has a large building, and some smaller buildings; the buildings are valued at $25,000; the institution has 400 acres of land, valued at $20 per acre. Since organization it has had 308 inmates; present number, 68. Children are taken between the ages of three and eighteen. According to the new charter, the Saint Louis German Conference has eight trustees; the West German, four; the Southern German, one; the Northern German, one; and the Northwest German, one. Expenses during the past year, $5,293. *President*, Rev. William Wilkening;

Treasurer, H. H. Jacoby, 206 North Second Street, Saint Louis, Mo.; *Secretary*, Rev. J. G. Leist, Higginsville, Mo.; *Superintendent*, Rev. J. H. Knehans; *Teacher*, Miss Louise Vosshall.

Epworth Children's Home.—Situated at 2297 Commercial Street, Chicago, Ill. Founded by Mrs. Adelaide Abbott; opened in a rented building, May 2, 1893; for lack of room not one third of the applications can now be accommodated; 25 children cared for during past year, and several placed in private homes. Receipts for past year, $1,088.51; disbursements, $1,062.27. Has been indorsed by Board of Control of Epworth League; among its trustees are Dr. E. A. Schell and C. E. Piper, of that Board. *President*, J. A. Burhans; *Vice President*, L. N. Moyer; *Secretary*, Dr. J. G. Wolfe; *Treasurer*, R. J. Bennett; *Corresponding Secretary* and *Superintendent*, Mrs. Adelaide Abbott.

Five Points Mission.—Located at 63 Park Street, New York city. The

FIVE POINTS MISSION QUARTETTE.

institution is under the supervision of the "Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" in New York city, organized in 1844 and incorporated in 1856; it is controlled by a Board of Managers elected annually from the Methodist Episcopal churches of New York city and vicinity. It is supported by voluntary contributions, legacies, etc. Cost of new building, complete, $130,000; mortgage, $35,000; expended the past year, $23,090.10. Whole number taught in day school last year, 1,005; meals served, 110,756; garments distributed, 27,895; pairs of shoes distributed, 1,793; families and persons relieved, 6,351. Regular church and Sunday school services are maintained on the Sabbath; Epworth League, mothers' meeting, Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting, children's class, prayer and praise meeting, and Italian services are held weekly; alumni association, monthly. A free reading room, with 2,100 volumes, for men and

boys, is open each night except Sunday. A shoe club and a sewing school are maintained. *First Directress*, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy; *Treasurer*, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss S. A. Roche, 346 West 20th Street, New York city; *Superintendent* and *Pastor*, A. K. Sanford, D.D., 63 Park Street, New York city.

Fred Finch Orphanage.—Situated at Fruitvale (Dimond P. O.), Alameda County, Cal. Incorporated September 28, 1891; opened January 1, 1892; value of property, $18,000; has six acres of ground. This is the only orphanage under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church west of the Rocky Mountains. It has capacity for 120 children. Officers (1895): *President of Joint Board*, R. Bentley, D.D.; *Vice President*, F. F. Jewell, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, C. C. Lombard, 1621 Seventh Avenue, East Oakland; *Treasurer*, I. J. Truman.

German Methodist Orphan Asylum.—Located at Berea, O. Founded 1864; controlled by the Central German Conference, and patronized by several German Conferences; in its history over 400 children have been cared for; the 96 children now at the home came from 12 States in the Union; they are received on the recommendation of the pastor and his official board. Value of the home, on a twenty-acre lot, is $65,000; no debt; income mainly through a Thanksgiving collection in the German Conferences, and individual donations; endowment less than $10,000. *President of Trustees*, Jacob Rothweiler, D.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. J. J. Keller; *Treasurer*, W. A. R. Bruehl; *Superintendent*, Rev. J. C. Weidmann.

Kelso Home.—Located on St. Paul Street, from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth Street, Baltimore, Md.; the dimensions of the lot are 400 x 186 feet; the mansion stands about the center; value of institution, $50,000; endowment, $82,000, yielding an income of $5,187; only orphan girls of our own Church received; nearly full. *Board of Trustees*, J. E. Hooper, Edwin Bennett, W. A. Leitch, W. C. Rouse, J. F. Goucher, L. N. Wilcox; *President of Board*, J. E. Hooper; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, W. A. Leitch.

Methodist Deaconess Orphanage.—This institution is situated at Lake Bluff, Ill. It is the first in our Church to be organized directly under the care of deaconesses, and was founded in 1894. It is an auxiliary of the deaconess work in Chicago and vicinity. A large building was donated by Mrs. J. B. Hobbs. There are accommodations for fifty children; this number of children has been cared for during the year in the orphanage; there are at present twenty-three in residence. *Superintendent of Trustees*, J. B. Hobbs; *Secretary*, G. D. Elderkin; *Treasurer*, N. W. Harris; *Matron*, Deaconess Abigail Simonds.

Methodist Episcopal Orphanage.—Located at Philadelphia, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Bishop Simpson, December 2, 1878; chartered May 12, 1879; opened June, 1879. Its twenty acres of ground are the gift of Colonel Bennett. Value of property, $250,000; endowment, $100,000. Additional schoolrooms are being made, through the courtesy of Colonel Bennett, and

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S HOME, DOBBS FERRY, N. Y.

facilities for the opening of manual training departments are being considered. Over one hundred children are now in its care; in the near future provision will be made for two hundred. *President*, Mrs. Bishop Simpson, who has served continuously since January, 1879; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. Mary L. Bonsall; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. W. N. West; *Treasurer*, Mrs. John Parker.

St. Christopher's Home.—Situated at Ingleside, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; has twelve acres; consists of one large building and five cottages, four of which are already occupied, the fifth remaining closed for lack of funds; entirely supported by voluntary contributions; contains 136 boy and girl inmates; receipts for the year ending March 31, 1896, $15,237.38; expenditures, $14,898.82. Directed by a Board of Managers. *Honorary President*, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy; *President*, Mrs. F. Mason North; *Vice Presidents*, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Anderson Fowler, Mrs. J. D. Archbold; *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. B. Cornell, 247 Fifth Avenue, New York city; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. W. A. Cole; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss W. R. Lewis.

Watts de Peyster Industrial School and Home.—Situated in Tivoli, N. Y. Is the gift of General de Peyster. The property is free from incumbrance; estimated value, $60,000; includes a number of superior buildings, the largest of which is used for residence and school purposes. Is under care of the New York Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. General de Peyster says he "makes the gift because he believes that the Methodists keep in touch with the people." Is incorporated. At present it contains 46 girls, aged from three to sixteen. It aims to instruct girls in all lines of domestic work, and to give them intellectual and religious training until they are eighteen. *Committee of Management:* Mrs. Edgar Park, Mrs. J. A. Punderford, Mrs. S. C. Pullman, Mrs. K. L. Force, Mrs. Richard Van Cott, Mrs. Kip, Mrs. Michell, Mrs. Gallagher, Miss Williams, Mrs. J. E. Price. *Superintendents*, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. George; *Chairman of Executive Committee*, Mrs. J. M. King; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Charles Olney; *Secretary*, Miss Martha Griffin.

Deaconess Work.

Deaconesses are women providentially free from the cares and responsibilities which occupy the time and thought of most women. Banding themselves together, they put themselves at the service of the Church, making no conditions save only that support be given them, if needed, and that they be set at work where their service will be most effective. The movement originated in America in June, 1887, at the Missionary Training School in Chicago, though previous to this much interest had been felt in woman's religious and missionary work, as manifested in the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies.

The principal characteristics which mark the deaconess life are:

(1) Training; (2) voluntary work—deaconesses take no vows; (3) a costume; (4) no salary—deaconesses only receive support in cases where they are not able to be self-supporting; (5) the community life (usually); (6) immediate oversight by the Church, through the Annual Conference, in the license, consecration, and yearly approval granted by this body.

The lines of work pursued by deaconesses are:

(1) House-to-house visitation, usually under the oversight of a pastor; (2) nursing, nearly always among the sick poor, with accompanying gifts of medicine, food, and clothes when necessary; (3) industrial education among poor children in kitchen-gardens, kindergartens, and sewing schools; (4) jail and police station work; (5) work in orphanages, as at St. Christopher's Home and the Deaconess Orphanage near Chicago; (6) evangelistic and Bible teaching.

Other forms of work, however, are being carried on by deaconesses. In general, any work that a Christian woman can do may be done by deaconesses. In Germany most of the deaconesses are nurses. The beneficent object lesson they have given of the helpfulness of a vital Christianity has done much in introducing Methodism into that land. In India deaconess work has proved exceptionally well adapted to the needs of the people. In China, also, work has been established in several centers, though there is but one deaconess home as yet instituted.

A national organ of the movement is *The Deaconess Advocate*, which is published in Chicago. Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer is the editor. The circulation is 12,000 monthly. The price is fifty cents per single copy; in clubs of ten, twenty-five cents per copy.

The Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Society, organized in 1895, is a body of the deaconesses themselves. Its principal work is that of holding property and providing means by which deaconesses can be cared for in sickness or old age. A majority of its trustees must always be licensed deaconesses. Property valued at $14,000 is already owned by this corporation. The officers for the current year are: *President*, Bishop I. W. Joyce; *Secretary*, Deaconess Belle Horton; *Treasurer*, N. W. Harris.

Summary.—The latest statistics of the deaconess work of the Church, in its world-wide distribution, are furnished in the following table:

Name and Location of Deaconess Homes and Hospitals.	Value of property above debt.	Deaconesses and probationers.	Total number of calls made.	Meetings held or assisted in.	Sick cared for in hospitals.	Sick cared for in their homes.
A. In America.						
I. *Under Annual Conferences.*						
Agard Deaconess Sanitarium (Lake Bluff, Ill.)	$10,000	2	....	15	19	.. .
Asbury Hospital and Rebecca Deaconess Home (Cor. Sixth Street and Ninth Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.)	29,000	15	5,824	414	546	21
Bethany Hospital (Cor. Orchard and Tenny Avenue, Kansas City, Kan.)	6,250	10	....	....	350	....
Bethany Deaconess Home (German) (1169 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.)	6,000	5	680	....	....	35
Boise Deaconess Hospital	....	2	....	....	....	10
Chicago Deaconess Home (114 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.)	110,000	78	19,308	634	....	220
Deaconess Institute (Amsterdam, N. Y.)	1,000	3	....	70	10	23
Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Hospital (115 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, O.)	125,150	45	9,212	345	480	590
Elizabeth Haas Deaconess Home (131 George Street West, St. Paul, Minn.)	6,500	4	190	. .	....	27
Fall River Deaconess Home (Fall River, Mass.)	25,000	6	8,435	123	....	25
Freeport Deaconess Home (226 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, Ill.)	200	4	2,604	116	....	40
German Deaconess Mother-House (Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, O.)	17,000	22	2,300	....	555	345
German Deaconess Home and Hospital (Louisville, Ky.)	200	4	....	..	....	....
German Deaconess Institute (420 Flournoy Street, Chicago, Ill.)	4,000	3	....	. .	....	....
German Deaconess Home, "Emmanuel." (60 Beethoven Place, Chicago, Ill.)	600	8	647	28	....	47
Maria Beard Deaconess Home (Cor. Third Avenue and Howard Street, Spokane, Wash.)	....	3	1,250	60	....	20
Methodist Deaconess Orphanage (Lake Bluff, Ill.)	8,000	4	....	....	....	....
Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home (419 South Twentieth Street, Omaha, Neb.)	4,500	19	3,025	725	666	42
Milwaukee Deaconess Home (186 Biddle Street, Milwaukee, Wis.)	10,000	7	9,789	218	....	58
New England Deaconess Home and Hospital (693 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass.)	20,000	18	13,894	761	99	90
New York Deaconess Home (245 West Fourteenth Street, New York city.)	25,000	35	26,147	1,550	....	....
Providence Deaconess Home (167 Courtland Street, Providence, R. I.)	600	4	4,000	182	....	32
Rockford Deaconess Home (1008 Ferguson Street, Rockford, Ill.)	....	2	317	9	....	5
Total	$409,000	303	107,712	5,250	2,725	1,630
II. *Under Confs. and W. H. Miss. Soc.*						
Total	$142,500	141	....	....	....	....

Name and Location of Deaconess Homes and Hospitals.	Value of property above debt.	Deaconesses and probationers.	Total number of calls made.	Meetings held or assisted in.	Sick cared for in hospitals.	Sick cared for in their homes.
B. In Europe.						
I. *Under the "Bethanien Verein."*						
Frankfurt—Deaconess Institute and Hospital (The Mother-House of M. E. Work.)	$14,000	33	....	....	456	....
Berlin—Home and Hospital Nucleus	8,450	28	....	....	....	....
Hamburg—Hospital and Sisters' Home, "Bethany."	56,600	45	....	....	586	....
Lausanne	175	8	....	....	....	....
Neuenhain—"Gottestreu," Rest-Home	3,200	2	....	....	....	....
St. Gallen	1,725	14	....	....	....	....
Zurich	4,525	8	....	....	....	....
Total	$88,675	138	....	....	1,042	....
C. In India and Malaysia.						
I. *Under Confs. and W. F. Miss. Soc.*						
Calcutta Deaconess Home	....	4	....	....	....	....
Flora Deaconess Home, Darchula	....	..	....	....	....	....
Lucknow Deaconess Home	....	..	....	....	....	....
Madras Deaconess Home	....	3	....	....	....	....
Muttra Deaconess Home and Training School	....	..	....	....	....	....
Mary C. Ninde Deaconess Home, Singapore, Malaysia	....	2	....	....	....	....
Pithoragarh Deaconess Home	....	2	....	....	....	....
Poonah Deaconess Home	....	2	....	....	....	....
Total		13	....	....	....	....
D. In China.						
Flora Deaconess Home, Chungking	$4,000	3	....	....	....	....
E. In Africa.						
Cape Palmas Deaconess Home	....	2	....	....	....	....
Total workers and work in homes	$644,175	600	107,712	5,250	3,767	1,630
Estimated workers and work not in homes	....	30	30,000	1,000	....	....
Grand total	644,175	630	137,712	6,250	3,767	1,630

Hospitals.

The philanthropic work of the Methodist Episcopal Church has in recent years included the multiplication of institutions for the healing of the sick. As stated in previous years, the intimate relation of some of these hospitals to deaconess homes makes a definite classification difficult. The general list of hospitals, however, is as follows:

Asbury Methodist Hospital and Rebecca Deaconess Home.—Situated corner Ninth Avenue South and Sixth Street, Minneapolis, Minn. Opened September 1, 1892. The property is 66 by 165 feet; four-story brick building; value, $35,000, including furnishings. Capacity, 53 beds. During four years there have been 1,752 hospital cases, 1,072 ambulance calls, and 7,615 patients in free dispensary (including many minor surgical cases). Deacon-

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esses are in charge; 18 nurses are employed; there are 46 physicians and surgeons. The *Hospital and Home Messenger* is published quarterly. *President*, J. F. Chaffee, D.D.; *Vice President*, S. C. Robinson; *Second Vice President*, J. F. Force, M.D.; *Secretary*, H. M. Farnam; *Treasurer* and *Superintendent*, Mrs. S. H. Knight; *Medical Director*, F. A. Dunsmoor, M.D.; *Financial Agent*, Rev. E. S. Pilling, 2728 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Bethany Hospital.—Located at Kansas City, Kan. It is a deaconess hospital and nurse training school. The hospital was chartered in May, 1892; the training school in 1895; the work began in a hired building, with one trained nurse and matron. In 1894 a building was purchased and occupied; the work is conducted under the superintendency of Miss Anna M. Deutsche, its first deaconess; Miss Cora Miller is the head nurse; the whole is under a board of nine directors; capacity, 45 patients; graduated nurses, 4; in training, 5; the property is valued at $11,000; copies of the *Bethany Visitor* issued monthly, 2,000; editor, the Financial Secretary. *President*, Rev. F. W. Soper; *Vice President*, W. F. Rotert; *Secretary*, C. W. Lamar; *Treasurer*, Rev. Alexander Fuhrmann; *Financial Secretary* (chosen by Board and approved by Annual Conference), Rev. W. J. Osborne.

Christ's Hospital.—Located at Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, O. It was the gift of the Gamble family; was opened in Cincinnati in 1888; removed to Mount Auburn, 1893; value of property, $100,000. All the nurses are deaconesses; it is associated in work with the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home. For fiscal year ending July 31, 1896, 421 sufferers had sought relief; of these 166 were free patients, 84 paid in part, 171 paid in full. They were largely from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky; yet 13 States and 4 foreign countries were represented. There are now beds for 80 patients. Receipts for the year, $31,807.21. *President*, Bishop J. M. Walden; *First Vice President*, John Pearson, D.D.; *Second Vice President*, A. J. Nast, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, H. C. Weakley, D.D., Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, O.; *Recording Secretary*, B. R. Cowen; *Treasurer*, C. A. Ault; *Superintendent*, Miss Hannah M. Pierce; *Medical Director*, W. H. De Witt, M.D.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.—This institution is situated on Prospect Heights. It was founded by George I. Seney, and was opened December 15, 1887. It began its work with about fifty beds; it now has one hundred and eleven in use. During its active service, about eight thousand patients have occupied these beds, and almost as many more have been treated by the ambulance surgeon, house staff, and dispensary staff as outpatients. The total expenses thus far incurred have amounted to a quarter of a million dollars, and have all been paid. The endowment fund now amounts to another quarter of a million dollars. This represents thirty-seven beds which have been endowed in perpetuity by bequests, Florence Nightingale Societies, and other friends; also several beds not yet fully endowed—$5,000 endows a bed. It also contains $9,000 contributed by two Florence Nightingale Societies, for the endowment of three cribs—$3,000 endows a crib. $37,000 was added to this fund during the past year. There are 78 free beds. A

new building erected during the past winter, at a cost of $10,000, furnishes facilities for improved pathological service. It likewise contains a photographic room, where the X rays can be utilized in the work. They have already been employed with striking results in one or two cases. The location of a pistol ball, in one instance, which had passed through the orbital bones, was the first known instance in which a ball had been pictured in a living human skull. Windows and doors have recently replaced the boards which so long disfigured the central building. The property is now valued at $800,000. The training school for nurses numbers forty. The Board of Managers has five bishops among its members. Its officers are: *President*, J. M. Buckley, D.D.;

Ambulance, Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Vice President, James McGee; *Secretary*, M. H. Smith; *Treasurer*, Hon. John French; *Superintendent*, J. S. Breckinridge, D.D., 216 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Communications should be addressed to the Superintendent.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Omaha, Neb.—This institution was opened May 28, 1891; the workers are deaconesses. Whole number of patients, since the beginning, 2,790; patients treated during the last year, 666; of these one third were free patients. Number of deaconesses, 20; of these, nurses, 15. *President*, J. G. Cortelyou; *Secretary*, Rev. C. N. Dawson; *Superintendent*, Miss Allie Pfrimmer.

Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.—Located at South Broad and Wolfe Streets. Only twenty minutes by trolley from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station and the Reading Terminal. It was founded by the bequest of Scott Stewart, M.D., who died June 27, 1881; was incorporated February 14, 1885; and was opened April 22, 1892, to patients, without discrimination, for the treatment of accidents, acute and sub-acute diseases, and curable chronic diseases. Six buildings are now in use, occupying five acres of ground with an abundance of air space and sunshine in all public and private wards. The net value of the property, including endowments, is $570,000. The improvements during the past year include a complete sterilizing plant, and a separate operating room for gynecological cases. There is a staff of 25 physicians, surgeons, and specialists, and a large corps of nurses. The charge for board and treatment in the public wards is from $5 to $10 per week. In the private rooms the charge is from $12.50 to $25 per week, not including the usual professional fees. Patients occupying the private rooms can be treated by physicians not on the staff. A limited number of nurses are sent gratuitously to the homes of patients who are in need of skilled service. Extra nurses are supplied to private patients at $10 per week. Persons applying as free patients, or for any reduction from the minimum rates, must bring a letter from a pastor or well-known citizen. During the year ending March 31, 1896, 718 patients received treatment in the house, and 3,498 in the dispensary; total for the year, 4,216. The total number of patients treated to October 1, 1896, was 13,587. Eighty-seven per cent of the board and treatment given to house patients has been free. From twenty to twenty-five per cent of patronage comes from the neighboring Conference territory; the patients from that territory during the last year received 4,492 days' board and treatment free. Expenses for the past year, $43,193.26, including $2,610.17 for permanent improvements and additions to the equipments. Total receipts for the year, $37,642.31, leaving a deficiency of $5,550.95. No appropriations are received from the city or State, excepting $375 annually for the support of the ambulance service. *President of the Board of Trustees*, James Gillinder; *Vice Presidents*, Stephen Greene and J. S. J. McConnell, D.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. E. C. Griffiths; *Treasurer*, John Gillespie; *Superintendent*, A. Rittenhouse, D.D., South Broad and Wolfe Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

New England Deaconess Hospital.—Located at 691 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass., in the house adjoining the one occupied by the New England Deaconess Home and the Training School, all three institutions being under one board of managers. The two houses are valued at $22,000. The hospital has but fifteen beds, though the demand for larger capacity is constant. It has no regular staff, but its patients are attended by some of the best physicians and surgeons in the city. During the first ten months of its history over one hundred patients have been cared for, several of whom were free and many others could pay but little. *President*, W. N. Brodbeck, D.D.; *Vice President*, Principal C. C. Bragdon; *Secretary*, Miss Georgia Whidden, 34 Fremont Avenue, Everett, Mass.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. W. Cushing; *Superintendent*.

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Miss Mary E. Lunn, 691 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass.; *Superintending Nurse*, Miss Christine McLean.

Portland Hospital.—Located at Sunnyside, Portland, Ore. It was incorporated 1887, and at once began receiving patients in a rented building; it is conducted in connection with a deaconess home; in 1890 the work was removed to its present large brick four-story and basement building. The hospital has five acres of ground; by the report of 1895 (report of 1896 not received) the assets were $120,000, of which the buildings, grounds, and furniture amount to the sum of $75,000; indebtedness on the property, $45,000. Officers (1895): *President*, E. H. Habighorst; *Secretary*, Guy Posson; *Financial Agent* and *Superintendent*, A. C. Fairchild; *Matron*, Mrs. H. H. Morehouse.

Sibley Memorial Hospital.—This institution is located at Washington, D. C. It is owned by the Woman's Home Missionary Society; is connected with the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School and Deaconess Home, providing training for nurse deaconesses; it is with them incorporated by act of Congress. It was erected by the generosity of W. J. Sibley; was opened for reception of patients, March 25, 1895; was furnished by friends and auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; has 20 beds, most of them free; has a staff of 15 physicians and surgeons; since opening 160 patients have been treated; 78 capital operations have been performed, besides other minor ones. *President*, A. H. Ames, D.D., 1140 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.; *Board of Trustees*, Bishop J. F. Hurst, Hon. Hiram Price, Judge W. S. McDowell, B. H. Stinemetz, Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall. Mrs. H. M. Teller is President of the Board of Managers, 100 in number, including an Executive Committee of 15 and representatives from each local church.

Wesley Hospital.—This institution is located at Twenty-fifth and Dearborn Streets, Chicago, Ill.; it is eight years old; the past year has been the most prosperous in its history; patients treated during the year ending October 31, 1896, 300; number receiving free service, in whole or in part, 134; its training school for nurses was organized four years since, Miss Hewitt, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, being the superintending nurse and instructor. *President*, W. H. Rand; *Vice President*, H. W. Bolton, D.D.; *Secretary*, M. P. Hatfield, M.D.; *Treasurer* and *Superintendent*, J. S. Harvey; *Chairman Medical Board*, I. N. Danforth, M.D.

Homes for the Aged.

THE long-continued interest in the aged of the Church who are in need has resulted in the erection of various commodious institutions for their shelter in our chief cities. Among these institutions are:

Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church Home.—This institution is located at Park Place and New York Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. It was incorporated May 10, 1883; was dedicated May 18, 1889. Cost, exclusive of ground, $60,000; receipts for previous year, from last published treasurer's report, $10,628.29; disbursements, $8,057.87; balance on hand, $2,570.42; receipts on building fund account, $4,760.41; disbursements, $2,763.73; balance on hand, $1,996.68. The Home has room for 60 inmates; present number of inmates, 51. *President*, Mrs. M. M. Voorhies; *Vice Presidents*, Mrs. J. Y. Tuthill, Mrs. N. L. North, Mrs. J. H. Berresford, Mrs. W. H. Hazzard; *Treasurer*, Mrs. A. P. Strout, 366 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. F. W. Young; *Assistant Secretary*, Mrs. H. C. M. Ingraham; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. J. H. Willson, 751 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chicago, Ill.—No organization has yet been effected, but in connection with the deaconess work of the city a few old ladies are being cared for. At present there are three in the Deaconess Home. The demand for a building is very strong, and one will probably be opened in the near future.

Home for the Aged, Baltimore, Md.—This institution is located at the corner of Fulton Avenue and Franklin Street. Incorporated October 31, 1868; property unincumbered; receipts for the year, $9,583.39; disbursements, $8,024.50. Number of inmates, 66. *President*, Mrs. Hamilton Easter; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. R. R. Battee; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. W. M. Winks, 1713 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md.; *Special Treasurer*, J. T. Smith; *Treasurer*, Miss Mary Bailey.

Methodist Episcopal Church Home, New York City.—This institution is located on Amsterdam Avenue, extending from Ninety-second to Ninety-third Street, New York city; incorporated June 19, 1851; charter amended March 25, 1878; number of inmates, by report for 1895, 105—13 men and 92 women; receipts, $30,799.09; disbursements, $28,361.60; invested, $10,152.47; balance on hand, January 1, 1896, $2,437.49. Officers: *President*, Mrs. Lemuel Bangs; *Vice President*, Mrs. Hannibal Robinson; *Treasurer*, Mrs. M. S. Rogers; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. J. Edgar Leaycraft, 46 West Eighty-third Street; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. G. H. Morrison.

Methodist Episcopal Home, Philadelphia, Pa.—Located at Thirteenth Street and Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.; it has 115 inmates; value, $250,000, a lot being recently sold for $30,000. It is expected that the institution will be transferred to the Park, in the early spring, for better air and more pleasant surroundings. *President*, Mrs. Matthew Simpson; *Vice President*, Mrs. David Bowen; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Simons; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Theodore Stevens.

Old People's Home, Saint Louis German Conference.—This institution is located on Washington Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, Quincy, Ill. It was founded by Charles Pfeiffer, of Quincy, who gave a building and an acre of land, worth about $6,000, to the Conference for the use of the aged; it was incorporated in 1890; dedicated same year; several lots have

since been purchased, and two additional buildings erected ; there is no debt. The Home is on an elevated piece of ground, with two commodious houses fitted up in modern style. Applicants must be sixty years of age, must be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and must pay $200 entrance money. There are now 22 inmates, with room for 40. *President*, Rev. William Schutz, Quincy, Ill. ; *Secretary*, Rev. John Schlagenhauf, Belleville, Ill. ; *Manager* and *Treasurer*, Charles Pfeiffer, Quincy, Ill.

The Folts Mission Institute.

THIS Institute was organized to meet the recognized need of a school of high grade for the special preparation of young people of both sexes: First, for the various mission fields of the world, both home and foreign; second, for specific lines

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of lay Christian work; third, for more efficient service in local church work, by a systematic study of the English Bible and of methods.

The main work of the school covers four departments of work: (1) The Bible—in which study a thorough knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is sought, by means of the study of the Bible as a whole, and of the principles of interpretation. New Testament Greek and Hebrew are also taught. (2) Christianity and other religions—in which are given courses upon the History of the Church, missions, and the ethnic religions. (3) Sociology—including a study of the family, the social treatment of the dependent and delinquent classes, etc.

(4) Applied Christianity—in which study an application is made of the general principles of missionary work adopted by Christ and his apostles to the problems of modern missions. In addition to these four departments, thorough instruction is given in both instrumental and vocal music.

Officers.—The faculty and trustees of the Institute for the current year are as follows:

Faculty: Rev. W. A. Sullivan, Maria Orme Allen, M.E.L., Rev. B. Day Brown, Rev. R. H. Walker. *Trustees:* S. L. Baldwin, D.D., J. E. C. Sawyer, D.D., Harriet B. Skidmore, Bishop E. G. Andrews, Rev. W. F. Markham, Elizabeth M. Folts, G. P. Folts, C. H. Payne, D.D., Hon. Warner Miller.

The University Senate.

This body was authorized by the General Conference of 1892, and is appointed quadrennially by the bishops. It is "composed of practical educators, one from each General Conference District, and one at large." Its duty is to "determine the minimum equivalent of academic work in our Church institutions for graduation to the baccalaureate degree." The Senate, as appointed by the bishops in 1896, is as follows:

At Large, W. F. Warren, D.D.; District I, B. P. Bowne, D.D.; II, B. P Raymond, D.D.; III, J. R. French, LL.D.; IV, J. F. Goucher, D.D.; V, T. P. Marsh, D.D.; VI, W. H. Crogman; VII, H. A. Gobin, D.D.; VIII, H. W. Rogers, LL.D.; IX, G. H. Bridgman, D.D.; X, W. F. McDowell, D.D.; XI, W. H. Wilder, D.D.; XII, L. G. Adkinson, D.D.; XIII, G. B. Addicks, D.D.; XIV, G. W. White, D.D.

The Senate met in formal session at Evanston, Ill., November 19, 1896. Action was taken on various matters looking to the elevation of the educational standards of the Church. The present officers are:

President, W. F. Warren, D.D.; *Secretary*, H. A. Gobin, D.D.; *Executive Committee*, J. F. Goucher, D.D.; J. R. French, LL.D.; W. F. Warren, D.D.

Missionary and Deaconess Training Schools.

The first missionary training school for women in the Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1885 under the name of the "Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions." The movement met a felt need, and has done much to raise the standard of preparation for religious work

by women. In 1887 the deaconess movement grew out of this school—the first home having been sheltered within its walls for years—and, with the establishment of homes in other cities, training centers were also opened in connection with them. The Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Training School is located in Washington, D.C., and is an institution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The schools in Boston, New York, and San Francisco resemble the two above mentioned in that not only ladies preparing for deaconess work, but those looking to any department of Christian work, as well as those simply wishing to know more of the Bible and methods of work, are received as pupils.

The course of study in the Chicago school, which may be taken as a type of many, includes: First, the study of the English Bible, book by book, analytically; second, the study of subjects likely to be specially valuable to missionaries and religious workers, such as sacred history and a modified course in medicine and nursing; third, careful drill in methods of work, covering not only that pursued in Sunday schools, but also visiting and evangelistic work, and industrial education for the poor in the kitchen-garden and kindergarten; fourth, practical work in the mission fields with which a large city abounds; fifth, instrumental music and voice culture.

Including the present class of more than one hundred ladies, eight hundred and seventy-one students have been received in this school. Of the more than one hundred who have gone from the school to the foreign field, missionaries are found in all localities in which our Church has religious work. In India there are twenty-two, in China twenty-six, in Japan thirteen, in Africa eleven, in South America ten, and in Mexico four. In the home field about seventy-five ladies from the school are in evangelistic and home missionary work, while two hundred and thirty-five have entered deaconess work.

Another most important institution is the Training School at Washington, D. C., under the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is for missionaries, deaconesses, and nurses, and is to be enlarged. The aim of this institution is to furnish trained missionaries and deaconesses for service in all parts of the country where needed, and especially for

cooperation with pastors in cities and in the mission districts where women may render efficient service in reaching the unchurched classes.

Statistics.—The latest summary of students in the various training schools of the Church is included in the following table, some of the statistics in the smaller schools being of students now in training:

Name and Location of School.	Students in biblical department.	Students in nursing department.	Total enrollment for year ending summer of 1890.	Total students preparing for deaconess work.
Asbury Hospital Nurses' School. (Cor. Sixth St. and Ninth Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.)	5	7	9	9
Bethany Hospital Nurses' School. (Kansas City, Kan.)	94	....	94	4
Brooklyn Deaconess Home and Training School. (1034 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.)	6	....	6	6
Buffalo Deaconess Home and Training School. (2978 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.)	15	3	16	13
Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions* (4949 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.)	94	....	94	45
Cleveland Training School.	6	4	10	10
Detroit Deaconess Home and School.	4	....	4	4
Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Hospital. (115 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, O.)	22	18	34	34
German Deaconess Mother-House. (Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, O.)	6	5	11	11
German Deaconess Home, "Emmanuel". (60 Beethoven Place, Chicago, Ill.)	....	2	2	2
German Deaconess Institute. (420 Flournoy St., Chicago, Ill.)	....	....	....	....
German Deaconess Home and Hospital. (Louisville, Ky.)	2	2	2	2
Lucy Webb Hayes Bible and Training School, Deaconess Home, and Sibley Hospital. (1140 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.)	20	4	24	16
Maria Beard Deaconess Home and Training School. (Cor. Third Ave. and Howard St., Spokane, Wash.)	2	....	3	3
Nurses' School of Methodist Episcopal Hospital. (419 S. Twentieth St , Omaha, Neb.)	....	10	10	10
New England Deaconess Home, Training School, and Hospital. (693 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass.)	4	5	7	7
New York Deaconess Home and Training School. (245 W. Fourteenth St., New York city, N. Y.)	10	....	10	10
San Francisco Deaconess Home and Training School. (315 Castro St., San Francisco, Cal.)	5	....	5	5
Total	295	60	341	191

*The figures include training school property and the deaconess probationers studying in the school.

Immigrant Homes.

THE object of these institutions, of which there are three—one in Boston, a second in Philadelphia, and the third in New York—is to provide, at very moderate cost, board and lodging for the hundreds of women and girls who land as strangers on our shores. These three institutions are all under the direction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Interest in the work has greatly increased during the past year, and though the "ideal" has not been reached, yet there is cause for great congratulation in what has been accomplished.

The port of New York is the largest place of entry. During the year, 833 steamers have been met by the lady missionary at Ellis Island; lodgings have been provided at the Home, 27 State Street, for 9,704 women and children, all of them, with rare exceptions, English-speaking people; papers and tracts have been distributed to the number of 8,300; and 515 letters have been written to friends of these immigrant women and children.

Executive Committee.—The following ladies constitute this committee for the present year:

Mrs. J. D. Slayback, Mrs. J. M. King, Mrs. M. F. Park, New York city; Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. M. L. Richardson, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. W. I. Boswell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss M. W. Perry, Malden, Mass.

The National City Evangelization Union.

AT the sixth annual convention held in Chicago, December 4 and 5, 1896, the amounts reported by local organizations for the year ending with their last annual meeting showed an increase of $25,000 over the preceding year. Various organizations failed to make any report, their work having been almost paralyzed by the depressed financial condition of the country. Some are making heroic efforts to get out of debt, but others seem to be discouraged. The National Union hopes in the coming year to induce the corresponding secretaries of the prosperous local organizations to visit and resuscitate the discouraged Unions and also to visit other cities where Unions have not yet organized.

The forthcoming Annual Report of the sixth convention will contain brief histories of about thirty local organizations, each written by one of its own officers. The volume will form a valuable manual on city evangelization.

Local Unions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

[This table includes City Church Extensions, City Missions, City Methodist Alliances, Church Societies, City Evangelization Unions, and City Methodist Episcopal Unions.]

City.	Amount.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.
Allegheny	$2,821 36	A. A. Horne.	Rev. G. L. C. Richardson.
Baltimore	8,000 00	J. E. Ingram.	Rev. W. W. Davis.
Boston	11,812 00	G. E. Atwood.	Rev. C. A. Littlefield.
Brooklyn	11,204 70	J. E. Searles.	R. S. Pardington, D.D.
Buffalo	3,396 00	J. L. Romer.	.....
Camden	3,147 00	.....	.....
Chicago	38,000 00	William Deering.	A. D. Traveller, D.D.
Cincinnati	8,000 00	J. R. Clark.	Rev. M. Swadener.
Cleveland	9,900 00	Horace Benton.	.....
Columbus	1,000 00	B. A. Mathews.	.....
Denver	6,180 00	J. R. Schermerhorn.	B. T. Vincent.
Detroit	2,100 00	Horace Hitchcock.	.....
Elmira	800 00	F. E. Baldwin.	.....
Harrisburg	128 00	E. Z. Wallower.	.....
Indianapolis	250 41	C. W. Smith.	.....
Kansas City	1,000 00	W. W. Kendall.	Rev. B. P. White.
Milwaukee	1,800 00	J. H. Vandyke.	.....
Minneapolis	324 08	D.W.Edwards, M.D.	.....
Newark	12,032 00	J. M. Gwinnell.	L. C. Muller, D.D.
New Haven	2,516 00	C. H. Platt.	.....
New York	40,276 00	S. W. Bowne.	F. M. North, D.D.
Philadelphia	31,000 00	Bishop C. D. Foss.	Rev. C. M. Boswell.
Pittsburg	3,689 50	J. G. Holmes.	Rev. N. L. Brown.
San Francisco	2,000 00	.....	.....
St. Louis	806 00	E. P. V. Ritter.	.....
Syracuse	2,300 00	J. B. Brooks.	W. H. Annable, D.D.
Washington	305 64	G. W. F. Swartzell.	.....
Worcester	7,500 00	A. B. Kinney.	Rev. Alonzo Sanderson.
Total	$212,288 69		

Board of Managers.—The following were elected managers at the annual meeting of the Union held in Chicago, December 3–5, 1896:

Allegheny, A. A. Horne; Baltimore, A. R. Cathcart; Boston, O. H. Durrell; Brooklyn, J. E. Searles; Buffalo, J. L. Romer; Chicago, William Deering; Cincinnati, J. N. Gamble; Columbus, B. A. Mathews; Denver, J. R. Schermerhorn; Detroit, W. L. Holmes; Indianapolis, C. W. Smith; Jersey City, W. H. Beach; Kansas City, Rev. F. B. Price; Milwaukee, Rev.

D. C. John; Minneapolis, J. F. Force, M.D.; Newark, L. C. Muller, D.D.; New York, Bowles Colgate; Philadelphia, R. W. P. Goff; Pittsburg, Samuel Hamilton; Providence, G. W. Smith; Rochester, S. E. Lowe; St. Louis, G. W. Brown; St. Paul, Rev. W. K. Marshall; Syracuse, J. B. Brooks; Washington, G. W. F. Swartzell.

Officers.—The following were elected at the annual meeting, for the ensuing year:

President, Horace Hitchcock, Detroit, Mich.; *First Vice President*, G. E. Atwood, Boston, Mass.; *Second Vice President*, J. E. Ingram, Baltimore, Md.; *Third Vice President*, J. R. Clark, Cincinnati, O.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Horace Benton, Cleveland, O.; *Recording Secretary*, J. E. James, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; *Treasurer*, J. B. Hobbs, Chicago, Ill.; *Executive Committee*, all of the above, except the second and third vice presidents, are members of the Executive Committee, with the following: H. Samson, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. G. Lane Taneyhill, Baltimore, Md.; Ferdinand Hormann, Philadelphia, Pa.; William Baldwin, New York city.

Historical Societies.

THE passing of the years seems to have given the Church a new realization of the fact that it is making history, and that its memorials of a century of growth are of increasing value. The establishment of historical societies—most of them under the auspices of some local Conference—therefore goes steadily on. Two additional societies are included in the list of this year. The enumeration, so far as secured, is now as follows:

At Baltimore, Md.—This organization is known as the "American Methodist Historical Society." All the Methodisms of Baltimore are embraced in its work. It was chartered March 3, 1886; its room is at Wesley Hall, 118 East Baltimore Street; it possesses valuable manuscripts of Wesley, Clarke, Asbury, and others, with rare pamphlets, curiosities, and paintings; its library is also valuable. In 1894, under its auspices a pilgrimage was made to the site of the Strawbridge Meeting House; in 1895, a pilgrimage was made to the site of Cokesbury College; in November, 1896, a tablet was placed on the site of the Lovely Lane Meeting House, and a mass meeting was held at the First Church, "the lineal descendant of Lovely Lane." (See page 24.) *President*, J. A. McCauley, D.D.; *First Vice President*, Bishop A. W. Wilson; *Second Vice President*, Bishop J. F. Hurst; *Third Vice President*, Rev. J. W. Beckett; *Fourth Vice President*, W. R. Barry; *Fifth Vice President*, J. McK. Reiley, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. Page Milburn, A.M., 29 Woodberry Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. W. G. Herbert, 10 South Caroline Street, Baltimore, Md.; *Curator*, Rev. W. W. Davis, Ph.D.; *Librarian*, Rev. F. R. Isaac, 2211 Bank Street, Baltimore, Md.; *Treasurer*, D. H. Carroll, D.D.; *Directors*,

Rev. W. M. Osborne, Rev. J. F. Ockerman, Rev. J. P. Wright, A. E. Gibson, D.D., Rev. W. A. Koontz, J. McK. Reiley, D.D., Rev. J. F. Heisse, Rev. S. A. Wilson, Rev. C. G. Key, Rev. G. W. Cooper, J. H. Dashiell, D.D., and Rev. N. M. Carroll.

At Boston, Mass.—The organization located in this city is known as "The New England Methodist Historical Society." Organized May 3, 1880; incorporated April 13, 1882. Rooms, Wesleyan Building, 36 Bromfield Street. The Society is composed of resident, corresponding, honorary, and life members. Annual assessment, $1; the payment of $50 at one time constitutes a life member. The officers are a president, one vice president for each New England State, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, historiographer, librarian, and board of twenty directors. The Society meets on the third Monday of each month except June, July, August, and September. There are 225 members. Invested funds, $8,500. The library now numbers 4,064 volumes and 17,317 pamphlets, besides many valuable portraits of deceased ministers and laymen, and many rare manuscripts and relics. The present officers are: *President*, William Claflin, LL.D.; *Vice Presidents*, W. R. Clark, D.D., Cambridge, Mass.; C. F. Allen, D.D., Portland, Me.; D. C. Knowles, D.D., Tilton, N. H.; Hon. W. P. Dillingham, Waterbury, Vt.; W. V. Morrison, D.D., Providence, R. I.; Hon. P. C. Lounsbury, LL.D., Ridgefield, Conn.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. W. H. Meredith, Everett, Mass.; *Recording Secretary*, J. H. Mansfield, D.D., Brookline, Mass.; *Treasurer and Librarian*, W. S. Allen, East Boston, Mass.; *Historiographer*, Rev. C. W. Wilder, Holliston, Mass.

At Cincinnati, O.—This Society belongs to the Cincinnati Conference, and was organized in 1895. All members of the Cincinnati Conference are considered members. Its work is in charge of a board of nine directors, three of whom are elected each year, to serve three years. The Society purposes to publish yearly, in the Conference Minutes, an historical article concerning some point within the Conference bounds. The last Minutes contain an article by the secretary of the Society on the "Rise of Methodism Within the Bounds of the Cincinnati Conference." *President*, T. H. Pearne, D.D.; *Vice President*, J. F. Marley, D.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. M. E. Ketcham; *Treasurer*, F. G. Mitchell, D.D.; *Custodian*, Rev. S. O. Royal. *Other Members*, Asbury Lowrey, D.D., W. I. Fee, D.D., D. J. Starr, D.D., Adam Bowers, D.D.

At New York City.—The name of this organization is "The Methodist Historical Society in the City of New York." It was chartered in the year 1892. It has in its keeping the original books of the old John Street society, which formed the basis of Dr. Wakeley's *Lost Chapters;* it is also the custodian of other valuable books, manuscripts, and portraits. *President*, M. D'C. Crawford, D.D.;* *Vice Presidents*, J. M. Buckley, D.D., J. A. Punderford, H. A. Buttz, D.D., E. L. Dobbins, E. L. Fancher, J. M. Van Vleck; *Historian*, A. S. Hunt, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, J. M. Freeman, D.D.; *Recording Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Townsend Wandell;

* Deceased.

Librarian, Rev. J. C. Thomas, M.A.; *Executive Committee*, H. A. Buttz, Richard Wheatley, A. S. Hunt, J. M. Van Vleck, Andrew Longacre, E. L. Dobbins, W. H. Beach, Townsend Wandell, M. S. Cornell.

Ohio Conference Society.—Facts regarding this organization are not available. The officers are: *President*, J. T. Miller; *Vice President*, Asbury Kelley; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, H. C. Sexton.

At Philadelphia, Pa.—In this city is located "The Historical Society of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The Historical Room is at 1018 Arch Street. The Society was organized April 22, 1867; held its first regular meeting May 13; and was incorporated soon afterward. The directors number fifteen ministers and eighteen laymen, one third being chosen each year. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday in April, June, October, December, and February. Officers are elected at the April meeting. The Society has 2,500 volumes, nearly 3,000 pamphlets, 200 portraits and engravings, about 75 relics, histories of more than 120 churches within the Philadelphia Conference, and numerous miscellaneous articles of an interesting character. The present officers are: *President*, S. W. Thomas, D.D.; *Vice President*, John Simmons; *Recording Secretary*, C. M. Boswell; *Treasurer*, G. W. Maclaughlin, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, W. L. Boswell; *Librarian*, Rev. G. S. Broadbent. Any of these officers may be addressed in care of 1018 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

At Troy, N. Y.—The headquarters of the Troy Conference Historical Society are here located; initiatory steps toward organization were taken in 1867; constitution adopted in 1873; amended in 1888; archives deposited in the chapel of State Street Church; payment of $3 constitutes membership; valuable and approved contributions to the archives may constitute honorary membership. The archives are rich in material relating to the original Ashgrove Church and its founders. The Society has a complete set of Disciplines, except that for 1816, the *General Minutes*, Annual Minutes of the Troy Conference, autobiographies of about thirty of its ministers, historical sketches of over fifty circuits and churches, and the ordination papers and likenesses of many of the ministers of the Conference, besides those of the representative men of American Methodism. Annual meetings are held at Troy; semiannual at Albany. *President*, Bostwick Hawley, D.D.; *Vice President*, Samuel McKean, D.D.; *Recording Secretary*, Rev. J. C. Simmons; *Treasurer*, Rev. Eugene Wiseman, Ph.D.; *Custodian*, J. F. Clymer, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, H. C. Farrar, D.D.

Wyoming Conference Society.—This was organized April 26, 1888; its membership are classified as members, honorary members, and corresponding members; present membership, 160. A biographical sketch and photograph are expected from each member. *President*, M. S. Hard, D.D.; *Vice Presidents*, the presiding elders; *Recording Secretary*, J. F. Warner; *Corresponding Secretary*, C. A. Benjamin; *Treasurer*, I. N. Shipman; *Librarian*, L. L. Sprague, D.D.; *Archivist*, Rev. J. K. Peck. The Society has, in its historical room, "the head and shoulders of John Huss, made from the soil on

which he was martyred; a pane of glass from a window of the Epworth rectory, where John Wesley was born and reared; the likeness in frame and under glass of Rev. Freeborn Garrettson, the first presiding elder on this globe; the original autographs of all the members and delegates of the first Evangelical Alliance in London; the first number of the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, September, 1826, and all the early numbers bound; most of the Disciplines; one hundred years of the *General Minutes* bound; a copy of the journal of the old Oneida Conference, from 1810 to 1830; a picture of Strawbridge's log chapel," etc.

National Association of Local Preachers.

THIS society was organized October 4, 1858, in the Allen Street Methodist Episcopal Church, New York city. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, January 12, 1883. The charter sets forth that its objects are the uniting more closely of all accredited local preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the promotion of education and temperance; and the securing of pecuniary relief to any sick and disabled member of the Association.

It is composed of delegates chosen by local and Conference associations, who have the exclusive right of voting on all questions where a yea and nay vote is taken; and of local preachers attending and enrolling, though not delegates, who may participate in the business and vote on all questions, except where a yea and nay vote is demanded. The present membership is about 300. The Association holds annual sessions in different places. Its last meeting was at Canton, Pa., September 12–15, 1896.

Officers.—The officers of the National Association for the present year are as follows:

President, J. R. Wright, D.D., Washington, D. C.; *Vice Presidents—First*, G. W. Finlaw, New Jersey Conference; *Second*, Hercules Atkin, Philadelphia Conference; *Third*, N. U. Walker, East Ohio Conference; *Fourth*, R. L. Dickey, Baltimore Conference; *Fifth*, R. D. Callihan, Kentucky Conference; *Sixth*, G. A. Guernsey, Central New York Conference; *Seventh*, C. B. Stemen, North Indiana Conference; *Eighth*, W. A. Owen, New York Conference; *Ninth*, J. H. Simms, M.D., Wilmington Conference; *Secretary*, G. B. Jones, 1709 Snyder Avenue, Philadelphia; *Treasurer*, James North, Baltimore Conference; *Assistant Secretary*, C. T. Fisler, New Jersey Conference; *Corresponding Secretary*, G. W. Mooney, New York Conference; *Secretary Emeritus*, D. T. Macfarlan, New York Conference; *Directors*, R. L. Dickey, James North, J. E. Ingraham, J. W. Loane, W. M. Barnes,

J. W. Hackney, J. W. C. Seitz, C. B. Stemen, J. R. Wright, N. U. Walker, G. B. Jones, J. B. Roberts.

Taylor University.—This institution, located at Upland, Ind., is owned and controlled by the Association. Some of the details of its management are as follows:

The value of the property is $40,000, there being no debt. The total attendance during the past year was 207, of which 45 were preparing for the ministry. The cost to all theological students and to sons and daughters of all ministers, local or traveling, of all Churches, is $90 a year for room, light, fuel, tuition, and board. A "faith fund" is connected with the institution, for the purpose of aiding those who desire to enter the ministry.

The officers of the University are as follows: *President*, T. C. Reade, D.D.; *President of Trustees*, J. R. Wright, D.D.; *Vice President*, A. C. Bugher; *Secretary*, C. L. Clippinger; *Treasurer*, J. C. White.

Local Preachers' Magazine.—This publication is under the control of the Association, and is the sole magazine of its kind in the United States. Its Editor is N. U. Walker, D.D.; it is published quarterly at Wellsville, O.

Aid Society.—The object of this cooperative organization is to provide sick, accident, and death benefits for the local preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is under the control of the National Association; the office is at 1318 South Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Itinerants' Club.

THE efforts of this organization to promote ministerial education have been expressed, during the past year, in conventions, summer schools, and other similar gatherings. The action of the General Conference of 1896 upon the subject of Conference examinations has, perhaps, been inspired in part by the Itinerants' Club movement; it is as follows:

In each Annual Conference a Board of Examiners shall be appointed by the presiding bishop, consisting of not less than eight nor more than twenty, care being taken to select men with special qualifications for the work, to whom shall be referred all preachers, both traveling and local, pursuing the course of study with a view to ordination or Conference membership. This Board shall be continued for a term of four years, subject to reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled at each session of the Annual Conference.

This Board shall organize by electing one of its members chairman and another registrar, the latter to keep a permanent record of the standing of the students, and report to the Conference when required. This record shall

include the credits allowed students for work done in literary and theological schools.

The chairman shall assign to each examiner the books or subjects in which he is to give instruction by correspondence and final examination, for which examination he shall prepare and send to the chairman printed or written questions, at least ten in number, two weeks before the time of examination. Vacancies occurring in the Board during the year may be filled by the chairman until the ensuing Annual Conference.

One or two examinations may be held during the year in locations convenient to the students. These examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the chairman.

The examinations shall be in writing, if practicable, and in the presence of witnesses; and in that case the papers shall be sent to the examiners to whom they belong respectively. They shall be graded upon the scale of 100, and none below 70 per cent shall pass. The examiners shall report the marking of each paper to the registrar.

The provision for mid-year examinations shall not deprive any student of the opportunity of being examined at the seat and time of the Annual Conference.

The Board of Examiners shall convene at the seat and time of the Annual Conference, the day before the session opens, to review and complete the work of the year; to examine any students who have not been examined during the year; and to arrange for the work of the year to come.

College Presidents' Association.

The purpose of this organization is "to consider the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Its sixth annual session was held in the city of Evanston, Ill., November 17–18, 1896. A large number of educators were present; important papers were presented; and pertinent discussions were held on various educational topics. The officers elected for the next year are:

President, H. W. Rogers, LL.D., Northwestern University; *Vice President*, J. F. Goucher, D.D., Woman's College, Baltimore; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Samuel Plantz, D.D., Lawrence University.

Social Unions.

The establishment of these organizations in many of the leading cities of the United States has been found conducive to the advance of the social and religious interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A complete list of these Unions for 1896 is not available. In the previous year there were organizations in the following cities: Albany, Brooklyn, Boston,

Brockton, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York city, New Bedford, Mass.; Portland, Me.; Providence, R. I.; Salem, Mass.; Springfield, Mass.

Semiofficial and Unofficial Weeklies.

VARIOUS important Methodist publications are issued in the United States under the direction of associations or as private enterprises. The list is here limited, by necessity, to weekly issues, and excludes many important monthlies, bimonthlies, and quarterlies that would be included in a fuller classification. Among the weekly publications are:

Baltimore Methodist, Baltimore, Md.; under the auspices of Baltimore Annual Conference; Rev. J. Fred Heisse, M.A., Editor; $1.50 per year.

Christelige Talsmand, Den (Norwegian), Chicago, Ill.; A. Haagensen, Redactor; $1.50 per year.

Christian Companion, The, Wilmington, Del.; A. T. Scott, Editor and Publisher; 25 cents per year.

Christian Standard, The, an international holiness journal, Philadelphia, Pa.; Revs. E. I. D. Pepper, John Thompson, and Joseph H. Smith, Editors; $1.50 per year.

Christian Uplook, The, Buffalo, N. Y.; Samuel McGerald, D.D., Editor; $1 per year.

Christian Witness and Advocate of Bible Holiness, Boston, Mass.; Revs. Joshua Gill, William Jones, D.D., and G. A. McLaughlin, Editors; $1.50 per year.

Methodist Advocate-Journal, Chattanooga, Tenn.; R. J. Cooke, D.D., Editor; $1 per year.

Methodist Episcopal Times, Parkersburg, Va.; D. A. Denton, Editor; $1 per year.

Methodist Herald, The, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; issued by the Methodist Publishing Company; R. H. Young, Editor; $1.50 per year.

Methodist Times, Cleveland, O.; published weekly by the Methodist Times Publishing Company; J. D. Stay, Editor; $1 per year.

Michigan Christian Advocate, Detroit, Mich.; issued by the Methodist Publishing Co.; J. H. Potts, D.D., Editor; $1.50 per year.

Östra Sändebudet (Swedish), Worcester, Mass.; Victor Witting, Editor; $1 per year.

Peninsula Methodist, Wilmington, Del.; published by the Methodist Publishing Company; Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, Editor; $1 per year.

Pennsylvania Methodist, Harrisburg, Pa.; S. C. Swallow, Editor; $1 per year.

Philadelphia Methodist, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. W. Thomas, D.D., Editor; $1.50 per year.

Times Record, The, Ocean Grove, N. J.; W. H. Beigle, Editor; $1 per year.

Western Methodist, Wichita, Kan.; W. M. Starr, Editor; W. J. Martindale, D.D., Associate Editor; $1 per year.

Zion's Herald, Boston, Mass.; published by the Boston Wesleyan Association, formed in 1831 and incorporated in 1854; Charles Parkhurst, D.D., Editor; $2.50 per year.

The Chartered Fund.

THIS fund was organized in 1796. Its object is to make "provision for distressed effective ministers, for the families of effective ministers, for superannuated and worn-out ministers, and for the widows and orphans of ministers." The trustees of the Fund, as elected at the General Conference of 1896, are as follows:

President, D. H. Bowen; *Secretary*, A. M. Burton; *Treasurer*, G. I. Bodine; *Additional Members*, Joseph Thompson, James Long, A. D. Harrington, H. Z. Zeigler, John Gillespie, R. E. Pattison.

Church Insurance.

BY action of the General Conference of 1896, provision was made for "the organization of a Mutual Church Insurance Company for the benefit of the Church in the United States." The Board as elected shall serve for four years, and shall consist of "one from each General Conference district to be nominated by the delegates of each district represented, and five to be nominated by the bishops." The present Board is as follows:

(Appointed by the bishops.)

J. B. Hobbs, A. B. Burke, J. R. Lindgren, G. B. Johnson, N. W. Harris.

(Elected by the General Conference.)

Districts.	Names.	Conferences.
I.	H. H. Shaw,	Maine.
II.	C. D. Hammond,	Troy.
III.	J. E. Bills,	Genesee.
IV.	W.M.Swindells,*	Philadelphia.
V.	F. H. Tanner,	Central Ohio.
VI.	J. S. Hill,	East Tennessee.
VII.	A. M. Gould,	Michigan.
VIII.	C. E. Lane,	Northwest Iowa.
IX.	H. P. Magill,	West Wisconsin.
X.	T. L. Matthews,	North Neb.
XI.	T. J. Green,	St. Louis.
XII.	E. H. McKissack,	Upper Miss.
XIII.	C. E. Mueller,	Chicago German.
XIV.	J. D. Hammond,	California.

Trustees of John Street Church.

SINCE 1868 the trustees of this mother church of American Methodism have been appointed by the General Conference. The property is thus preserved in perpetuity for Christian worship against the encroachments of New York city commercial life. The following were elected trustees by the General Conference of 1896:

Edward Allen, John Bentley, James S. Coward, William H. De Puy, Reese B. Gwillim, Benjamin Tilton, James Wright, Bowles Colgate, and Edw. F. Allen.

* Deceased.

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

THE action of the last General Conference on "Temperance and the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic" forms an important paragraph in the Discipline of 1896. (See Appendix, ¶ 42.) On the subject of temperance instruction in the schools the following resolution was adopted:

We favor the giving of scientific temperance instruction, relating to the physiological effects of alcohol and other narcotics, as now required by the laws of nearly every State in the Union, and we recommend the giving of such instruction in all the schools of the Church, whether they be literary institutions, Sunday schools, or mission schools.

Conference Claimants.

THE action of the last General Conference upon this subject forms a new chapter in the Discipline of 1896. Its provisions include the divisions of all moneys received into two sums:

(1) The Conference Claimant Fund, consisting of (*a*) the annual collections taken in the churches, (*b*) the proceeds of the Chartered Fund and Book Concern dividends, and (*c*) specific gifts and bequests. (2) The Special or Annuity Fund. This is to be distributed upon the basis of an annual allowance to each superannuated minister of $10 for each year of effective service; to each widow, if she be on the annuity list, an annual allowance of $5 for each year while she was the wife of a minister in effective service; and to each child under sixteen an annual allowance of $2 for each year of the father's effective service. (For full provisions see the Discipline of 1896, ¶¶ 292–298.)

The Meaning of Methodism.

WHAT does Methodism mean? It has the fecundity of the acorn. It shall wave on the mountains like the forests of Lebanon. . . . It shall whiten all seas and all worlds with the sails of its spiritual commerce. . . . It has the enlightening power of the school; it shall shine into every dark corner, driving all superstitions and all goblins from the earth's surface. It has the vigilance of the invisible police; it shall expose with the glare of its searchlight every stealthy criminal. It has the compact organization of an army; it shall march with its swing of conquest through every known valley and plain, and plant the cross of the Redeemer on every hilltop and mountain peak. Methodism means something!—*Bishop Fowler.*

VI.

General Information.

Knowledge is
Bought only with a weary care,
And wisdom means a world of pain.
—*Joaquin Miller.*

Young Men's Christian Association.

This Association, founded in London in 1844 and introduced into America in 1851, now exists in all Christian lands. It is distinctively an organization of young men for the spiritual, intellectual, and physical improvement of their fellows; its privileges are open to young men generally, but the control is limited to members of Protestant evangelical churches. It is particularly distinguished by the fact that it is a lay movement; by the amount of voluntary service secured from the membership; and by the tact and skill with which it has discovered and adopted practical methods and employed them to reach the various special groups and classes of young men. At a convention in 1873 five minutes were given to represent a proposed work for railroad men; to-day half the railroad mileage of America is touched by, and contributing to, this movement. In 1877 the colleges were asked to send delegates to the International Convention; to-day there are five hundred college Associations in America, and a recently formed World's Student Christian Federation embraces the college students of Christian and mission lands in every continent. Rapid advancement is now being made in the educational work of the American Associations, especially along industrial and trade school lines; uniform courses of study in practical subjects are issued, annual examinations are held, and certificates are granted those passing the required per cent. An Athletic League of the North American Associations has been organized the past year, with the purpose of unifying, controlling, and raising the physical, scientific, and moral standard of athletic work.

Latest Statistics.—The following figures are taken from the last *Association Year Book:*

Number of Associations in North America, 1,448; in the world, 5,764. The American Associations report a total membership of 263,298; own property with a net value of $16,655,014, including 315 buildings; have 799 reading rooms, and 670 libraries containing 479,563 volumes. Lectures in the past year, 5,929. In 355 Associations 25,886 different students attended evening classes. Bible and training classes are reported by 927 Associations, and young men's meetings by 1,070; the former had a total attendance of over 364,074, and the latter over 3,075,504. Gymnasiums are reported by 495 Associations. Daily average attendance at the rooms of 647 Associations, 81,397; in 903 Associations 4,639 social entertainments were held; 345 report 9,450 situations secured; 328 report organized work for boys, with 19,817 members. There are 525 college Associations, 441 of which report 28,169 members. There are 108 railroad Associations, with 27,641 members and 128 paid secretaries; they report 13,872 visits to sick and injured. Nearly 38,000 men serve on working committees. Some non-English-speaking, colored, and Indian Associations exist. General secretaries and other paid officers, 1,311; current expenses for 1895—local, State, and international—$2,503,170. Thirty-four State conventions, in 1895, were attended by over 6,000 delegates.

Officers.—The list of the officers of the Association for the current year is as follows:

Central International Committee.—Headquarters, 2 Place du Port, Geneva, Switzerland. *Chairman*, Edouard Barde; *Treasurer*, Henry Fatio; *General Secretaries*, Charles Fermaud, Christian Phildius.

American International Committee.—General Office, 40 East Twenty-third Street, New York city. *Chairman*, L. C. Warner; *Treasurer*, F. B. Schenck; *General Secretary*, R. C. Morse.

State Committee of New York.—General Office, 40 East Twenty-third Street, New York city. *Chairman*, E. P. Platt; *Treasurer*, H. H. Hayden; *State Secretaries*, F. S. Goodman, G. A. Hall.

New York City Association.—General Office, 40 East Twenty-third Street, New York city. *President*, C. H. Dodge; *Treasurer*, M. Taylor Pyne; *General Secretary*, R. R. McBurney.

Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

The World's Evangelical Alliance was organized in London in 1846. It aims to promote religious liberty, and to increase fellowship and cooperation among Christians. The Evangelical Alliance for the United States was organized in January, 1867. In addition to the objects mentioned above, it aims at the salvation of society by helping the churches to recognize

their social mission and to organize for its accomplishment. Five leaflets issued by the organization are entitled: *Reasons for Forming Local Alliances*, *Suggested Lines of Work*, *A Blank Constitution*, *Opinions*, and *How to Organize*. Correspondence with reference to specific methods, looking to the great object of increased fellowship and cooperation, is invited by the General Secretary.

Officers.—The officers of the Alliance for the current year are the following:

President, W. E. Dodge; *General Secretary*, Josiah Strong, D.D.; *Treasurer*, Peter Donald. General Office, 511 United Charities Building, Fourth Avenue, corner Twenty-second Street, New York city.

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

THIS organization is nonpartisan and unsectarian. It was incorporated December 24, 1889. Its objects are "to secure constitutional and legislative safeguards for the protection of the common school system and other American institutions, and to promote public instruction in harmony with such institutions, and to prevent all sectarian or denominational appropriations of public funds." Its work to the present time has been summarized in the following statement:

It has formulated and introduced into Congress a proposed (sixteenth) amendment to the Constitution, to the effect that "neither Congress nor any State shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," or shall appropriate or devote in whatever way any public moneys to sectarian purposes. After six years of educational and aggressive work on the matter of sectarian appropriations by the national government for Indian education, the League has secured the indorsement of the proposed amendment to the Constitution by the highest representative bodies of the Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Baptist, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches. It has also secured the withdrawal of the Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, and Unitarian Churches and of the Orthodox Friends from consent to receive appropriations by Congress for sectarian Indian education. Twenty-six States now contain constitutional prohibitions against a division of the common school fund and against sectarian appropriations. Nineteen of these States have either adopted or reaffirmed such amendments to their organic law since the movement for an amendment to the United States Constitution was initiated, and the Fifty-

fourth Congress has declared it to be the settled policy of the government of the United States to hereafter make no appropriations for sectarian purposes.

The various American patriotic orders, representing over four millions of voters, have given the Sixteenth Amendment hearty indorsement, and have accepted the League's platform of principles. The League has taken a prominent part in the movement for securing more adequate accommodation for children of school age in the public schools of the State of New York, and has secured the enactment of a law requiring the taking of a school census every two years in all cities and towns having a population of ten thousand or upward. All that heretofore has been done is largely preparatory for the chief struggle yet to come, in adding to the Constitution of the United States the proposed amendment. It is also needful to work for the insertion, in the remaining defective State Constitutions, of provisions in conformity with these patriotic principles.

Officers.—For the ensuing year these are as follows:

President, W. H. Parsons; *Vice President*, D. B. Eaton; *General Secretary*, J. M. King, D.D.; *Treasurer*, W. F. Morgan; *Office Secretary*, John McLellan; *Law Committee*, W. A. Butler, D. B. Eaton, Cephas Brainerd, H. E. Howland, W. H. Peckham; *Board of Managers*, G. S. Baker, Ludovic Bennet, H. K. Carroll, Peter Donald, D. B. Eaton, Pierre Jay, J. M. King, W. B. Kunhardt, James McKeen, J. B. Miller, T. J. Morgan, W. F. Morgan, D. B. Ogden, W. H. Parsons, W. J. Schieffelin, J. A. Scrymser, A. H. Steele, J. D. Slayback, Josiah Strong. The office of the League is at No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York city.

The American Sabbath Union.

This is a Christian, undenominational, nonpartisan, and national society whose object is "to preserve the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship." It originated with the Methodist Episcopal General Conference of 1888, in New York city, and was incorporated December, 1890. The Presbyterian General Assemblies, North and South, the Methodist Episcopal General Conference, South, and most of the leading religious bodies of America heartily indorse the Union. Cooperative Sabbath associations have been organized in several of the States.

Officers.—The officers of the Union for the year 1897 are as follows:

President, G. S. Mott, D.D.; *General Secretary*, J. H. Knowles, D.D., 203 Broadway, New York city; *Treasurer*, A. S. Bacon; *Board of Managers*, A. S. Bacon, Brooklyn; D. J. Burrell, New York; J. H. Carlisle, Spartanburg, S. C.; H. K. Carroll, New York; J. H. Darlington, Brooklyn;

J. Elmendorf, New York; T. A. Fernley, Philadelphia; Robert Graham, New York; J. F. Hurst, Washington, D. C.; William Irwin, New York; Herrick Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; J. M. King, New York; J. W. Lapsley, Anniston, Ala.; R. S. MacArthur, New York; G. S. Mott, Flemington, N. J.; C. H. Payne, New York; A. H. Plumb, Boston, Mass.; Graham Taylor, Chicago, Ill.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance.

In this Alliance is found an auxiliary to the American Sabbath Union. Its object is to arouse the women of America to a realization of the perils which threaten the Christian Sabbath; to enlist all women in definite efforts to counteract these perils, especially in the home and in social life; and to assist the American Sabbath Union by the formation of Woman's Sabbath Committees, by the distribution of Sabbath literature, and by procuring funds for the national work of the Union. It was organized February 7, 1895. Sabbath Committees have been established in a number of the States.

Officers.—The officers of the Alliance for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Mrs. D. R. James; *First Vice President*, Mrs. Theodore Weston; *Other Vice Presidents*, Presbyterian, Mrs. H. T. McEwen; Methodist Episcopal, Mrs. J. H. Knowles; Dutch Reformed, Mrs. D. J. Burrell; Congregationalist, Mrs. H. M. Stimson; Episcopalian, Mrs. J. Noble Stearns; Baptist, Mrs. W. M. Isaacs; Lutheran, Mrs. H. B. Strodach; Reformed Presbyterian, Mrs. A. Alexander; Church of the Disciples, Mrs. M. Philputt; Reformed Episcopalian, Mrs. E. S. Hamilton; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Miss M. Kay, 203 Broadway, New York city.

The Kindergarten of the Church.

This organization aims to introduce the principles of the kindergarten into the primary department of the Sunday school; and to recommend that there be five sessions for this department during the week in addition to the one on Sunday. The literature published is the book explaining the system, *The Kindergarten of the Church*, and the *Leaflet with Hand Work*, a monthly periodical. A school of methods, of five days' session, is held in any church desiring it. There is also a training school in New York to prepare teachers, and a correspondence course to aid those who desire help as primary teachers and junior superintendents.

Officers.—The organization known as "The Kindergarten of the Church Association" is constituted as follows:

President, Bishop J. H. Vincent; *Advisory Committee*, J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., R. S. McArthur, D.D., A. V. Raymond, D.D.; *Corresponding Secretary*, W. W. Foster, Jr., D.D.; *Director of Training and Correspondence Classes*, Mrs. Mary Chisholm Foster. Headquarters, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

The Open and Institutional Church League.

This organization was formed March 27, 1894. Its expressed object is "to form a bond of union between open and institutional churches, and to extend the principles and work for which they stand as expressed in the platform." The platform of the League is as follows:

The open and institutional church depends upon the development of a certain spirit, rather than upon the aggregation of special appliances and methods.

Inasmuch as the Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, the open and institutional church, filled and moved by his spirit of ministering love, seeks to become the center and source of all beneficent and philanthropic effort, and to take the leading part in every movement which has for its end the alleviation of human suffering, the elevation of man, and the betterment of the world.

Thus the open and institutional church aims to save all men and all of the man by all means, abolishing so far as possible the distinction between the religious and secular, and sanctifying all days and all means to the great end of saving the world for Christ.

While the open and institutional church is known by its spirit of ministration rather than by any specific methods of expressing that spirit, it stands for open church doors every day and all the day, free seats, a plurality of Christian workers, the personal activity of all church members, a ministry to all the community through educational, reformatory, and philanthropic channels, to the end that men may be won to Christ and his service, that the Church may be brought back to the simplicity and comprehensiveness of its primitive life, until it can be said of every community, "The kingdom of heaven is within you" and "Christ is all and in all."

Officers.—At the meeting of the League held in Hartford, Conn., October, 1896, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, C. L. Thompson, D.D., New York. *Vice Presidents*, C. A. Dickinson, D.D., Boston; Josiah Strong, D.D., New York; C. S. Mills, D.D., Cleveland; William E. Dodge, New York; R. H. Conwell, D.D., Philadelphia; E. D. Burr, D.D., Boston; Judson Titsworth, D.D., Milwaukee; F. M. North, D.D., New York; J. P. Peters, D.D., New York;

W. M. Paden, D.D., Philadelphia; Professor A. R. Merriam, Hartford; C. S. Harrower, D.D., New York; J. C. Hill, D.D., Chicago; R. C. Ogden, Philadelphia; Graham Taylor, D.D., Chicago; Edward Judson, D.D., New York; Sylvanus Stall, D.D., Philadelphia; Professor C. S. Nash, Oakland, Cal.; K. B. Tupper, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. Leighton Williams, New York; Rev. H. H. Kelsey, Hartford; Rev. F. W. Tompkins, Jr., Providence. *Corresponding Secretary*, E. B. Sanford, D.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. *Recording Secretary*, Rev. G. S. White, Brooklyn. *Treasurer*, J. S. Huyler, 64 Irving Place, New York.

The Chautauqua System of Education.

THE purpose of this movement, founded in 1874, is to promote education "out of school." It embraces three great departments:

1. The Chautauqua Assembly, held annually during July and August at Chautauqua, N. Y. Its two lines of work are (*a*) the Assembly Department, including lectures, sermons, concerts, etc., and (*b*) the Collegiate Department, comprising languages, mathematics, philosophy, etc. Many of the leading educators and scholars of the country make up its faculty.

2. The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. This contemplates a home course of reading. The course is four years in length, forty minutes' daily reading being required for nine months of each year. Certificates are granted all who complete the course. For the winter of 1896–97 the prescribed readings include French history, astronomy, and Greek civilization and art, and certain portions of the *Chautauquan*, the official monthly organ of the System. More than 235,000 have joined the Circle since its organization in 1878. The class of 1900 will number about ten thousand students. Over a thousand local Circles, in all parts of the world, were at work during 1895–96. The regular four years' course is supplemented by special courses of study, for which seals are given.

3. The Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts. It was chartered in 1883, by the Legislature of the State of New York; it provides for a complete course of instruction through correspondence, and has authority to confer the usual college and university degrees.

Officers.—The list of officers of the Chautauqua System for the current year is as follows:

President, Lewis Miller; *Chancellor*, Bishop J. H. Vincent; *Collegiate Principal*, W. R. Harper; *Assembly Principal*, G. E. Vincent; *Secretary*, W. A. Duncan; *Treasurer*, E. A. Skinner; *Counselors of the C. L. S. C.*, Lyman Abbott, J. M. Gibson, H. W. Warren, J. H. Carlisle, Edward Everett Hale, W. C. Wilkinson; *General Superintendent of the C. L. S. C.*, J. L. Hurlbut; *Executive Secretary*, Kate F. Kimball, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Liquor Evil.

THE following are the latest official statistics regarding the liquor traffic in the United States: *

For fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, rectifiers of distilled liquors paying special tax, 1,440; wholesale dealers, 4,555; retailers, 208,388. Brewers of fermented liquors paying tax, 1,771; wholesale dealers, 5,655; retailers, 10,486. Amount paid to government by brewers for year 1895–96, $33,784,235.26; increase, $2,143,617. Aggregate receipts of Internal Revenue Bureau for the year, $146,880,615.65; increase, $3,584,537.90. In 1876 there were brewed 9,159,654 barrels of beer; in 1896, 35,826,098 barrels; total consumption of beer for the year, 1,119,315,562 gallons, or about 16 gallons per capita.

Temperance Organizations.

THE object of the following Societies is aggressive temperance work; they are national in their field of operations:

National Temperance Society.—Instituted 1866. *President*, J. L. Baily; *Field Secretary*, Rev. C. H. Mead; *Treasurer*, W. D. Porter; *Publishing Agent*, J. W. Cummings. Headquarters, 58 Reade Street, New York city.

Sons of Temperance.—Instituted 1842. *M. W. Patriarch*, Thomas Caswell, Toronto, Ont.; *M. W. Scribe*, B. R. Jewell, Stoneham, Mass.

Good Templars.—Organized 1851. *R. W. Grand Templar*, Dr. D. H. Mann, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *R. W. Grand Secretary*, B. F. Parker, Milwaukee, Wis.

Templars of Honor and Temperance.—Organized 1845. *M. W. Templar*, Dr. W. F. Tait, Galesburg, Ill.; *M. W. Recorder*, Rev. C. S. Woodruff, Paterson, N. J.

Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America.—Organized 1872. *President*, Rev. J. M. Cleary, Minneapolis, Minn.; *Secretary*, Rev. A. P. Doyle, 415 W. 59th Street, New York city.

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.—Organized 1874. *President*, Miss Frances E. Willard, LL.D., Evanston, Ill.; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mrs. Katherine L. Stevenson, Chicago, Ill.

Nonpartisan National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.—Organized 1890. *President*, Mrs. C. C. Alford, Bernardston, Mass.; *General Secretary*, Mrs. Ellen J. Phinney, Cleveland, O.

Royal Templars of Temperance.—Organized 1870. *Supreme Councilor*, Hon. L. R. Sanborn, Buffalo, N. Y.; *Supreme Secretary*, E. B. Rew, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sons of Jonadab.—Organized 1867. *Sovereign Chief*, Edward Mullin, Washington, D. C.; *Sovereign Secretary*, W. H. Young, 1324 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Independent Order of Rechabites.—*High Chief Ruler*, J. H. Mitchell, Washington, D. C.; *High Secretary*, J. H. Dony, Anacostia, D. C.

* Compiled from the *National Temperance Almanac* for 1897.

Old World Methodism.

THE official statistics of the various Methodist bodies beyond the Atlantic, which were the returns for the autumn of 1896, are found in the following table:*

DENOMINATION.	Ministers.	Lay Preachers.	Church Members and Probationers.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday Scholars.	Churches, etc.
Wesleyan Methodists:							
Great Britain	2,127	17,224	466,711	7,147	131,145	965,201	8,123
Ireland	231	561	27,576	325	2,765	25,261	375
Foreign Missions	400	1,918	52,058	1,135	3,619	60,405	2,248
French Conference	38	....	1,942	....	.....	.....	....
South African Conference	193	2,872	62,812	423	2,171	27,597	2,319
West Indian Conferences	108	840	50,365	287	2,854	30,829	461
Australasian Conferences	661	4,955	97,730	3,465	16,868	183,044	3,299
Methodist New Connexion	200	1,225	37,102	483	10,978	84,423	544
Bible Christians	295	1,937	34,304	546	9,219	57,171	990
Primitive Methodists	1,113	16,742	196,628	4,370	61,899	466,052	5,807
United Methodist Free Churches	417	3,448	89,618	1,350	25,296	203,712	1,622
United Free Gospel Churches	393	....	8,648	144	2,810	25,334	157
Wesleyan Reform Union	16	548	7,400	173	2,761	20,724	193

* The Editor of the YEAR BOOK acknowledges his indebtedness for these statistics to Mr. W. A. Parsonson, of the Wesleyan Conference Office, 2 Castle Street, City Road, E. C., London. Mr. Parsonson recalls, in connection with his table, that at the death of Wesley there were but 313 preachers, 119 circuits and mission stations, and 76,968 members in Wesleyan Methodism; and in the United States 97 circuits, 198 preachers, and 43,265 members.

Canadian Methodism.

THE following are the statistics of the Annual Conferences of the Canada Methodist Church for the year ending May 31, 1896:

NAMES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES.	Name of President.	Name of Secretary.	Ministers and Preachers.	Decrease.	Members.	Increase.
Toronto	Rev. Alex. Langford, Orangeville, Ont.	Rev. L. W. Hill, Toronto Junction, Ont.	311	8	40,734	740
London	" George Jackson. London, Ont.	" C. Smith, Wyoming, Ont.	274	...	46,118	1272
Hamilton	" Jas. Van Wyck, B.A., Hamilton, Ont.	" F. E. Nugent, Hespeler, Ont.	289	11	45,126	757
Bay of Quinte	" Thos. Campbell, Campbellford, Ont.	" W. J. Young, Cherry Valley, Ont.	250	5	39,910	581
Montreal	" J. Tallman Pitcher, Stanstead, Que.	" A. Lee Holmes, Coaticook, Que.	300	9	37,345	†595
Nova Scotia	" John Johnson, Stellarton, N. S.	" D. W. Johnson, M.A., Canso, N. S.	134	*8	15,361	732
New Brunswick and Prince Ed. Island	" Thomas Marshall, St. John, N. B.	" Geo. Steel, Chatham, N. B.	118	*3	13,064	459
Newfoundland	" H.P.Cowperthwaite, Carbonear, N.F.	" J. T. Newman, St. John's, N. F.	71	4	11,814	188
Manitoba and Northwest	" G.W. Dean, Portage la Prairie, Man.	" T. C. Buchanan, Regina, Assa.	206	*9	16,131	381
British Columbia	" Charles Ladner, Rossland, B. C.	" J. P. Bowell, Sidney, B. C.	60	...	4,652	70
Japan	" Dr. Macdonald, Tokio, Japan.	E. Rev. D. R. McKenzie, Kanazawa, Japan. J. " M. Kobayashi, Kofu, Japan.	41	*3	2,137	67
		Total	2054	14	272,392	5247

SUMMARY.—Ordained ministers, 1,639—increase, 46; probationers, 415—decrease, 60; total, 2,054—net decrease, 14; local preachers, 2,348; exhorters, 1,187; class leaders, 7,761. Members, 261,136; on trial, 11,256; total, 272,392—increase, 5,247. Sunday schools, 3,349—increase, 37; officers and teachers, 25,789—increase, 137; scholars, 262,915—increase, 7,028. Epworth Leagues and other young people's societies, 1,697—increase, 251; members, 74,915—increase, 8,141; contributed by young people's societies for all purposes, $42,175.13—increase, $5,272.86; contributed by Sunday schools for all purposes, $118,281.09—increase, $187.86.

*Increase in ministers and preachers. †Decrease in members.

NOTE.—These statistics, as also the following list of officers, are kindly furnished by the Rev. G. H. Cornish, LL.D., Niagara, Ont., Statistician of the Canadian Methodist Church.

Canadian Methodism.—Continued.

At the last quadrennial session of the General Conference held in London, Ont., September 6–24, 1894, the following officers were elected:

1. *General Superintendent*, Albert Carman, D.D., Belleville, Ont.; *Secretary*, W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., Montreal, Que.; *Assistant Secretaries*, Judge Chesley, Lunenburg, N. S.; James S. Ross, M.A., D.D., Brantford, Ont.; and R. W. Clarke, Esq., Millbrook, Ont.; *Journal Secretary*, William Jackson, D.D., Gananoque, Ont.; *Statistician*, Rev. George H. Cornish, LL.D., Niagara, Ont.

2. **Missionary Department.**—*General Secretary*, Alexander Sutherland, D.D., Toronto, Ont.; *Assistant Secretary*, James Henderson, D.D., Toronto, Ont.; *Treasurers*, Hon. J. C. Aikins and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Toronto, Ont.; *Superintendent of Missions* for the Manitoba and Northwest and the British Columbia Conferences, Rev. James Woodsworth, Brandon, Man.

The Missionary Society was organized in 1824, and now has a membership of 47,477. It supports 520 mission stations, and employs 482 missionaries, 83 assistants, 54 teachers, and 16 interpreters—a total of 635 paid agents. For the year 1894–95 its income was $237,496.57.

3. **Book and Printing Establishments.**—1. Toronto, Ont., Wesley Buildings, Richmond Street, *Book Steward*, Rev. William Briggs, D.D.; 2. Halifax, N. S., 141 Granville Street, *Book Steward*, Rev. Stephen F. Huestis; 3. Montreal, Que., St. Catharine Street, *Manager*, Mr. C. W. Coates.

4. **Periodicals.**—*The Christian Guardian*, Toronto, Ont., *Editor*, A. C. Courtice, B.D.; *The Wesleyan*, Halifax, N. S., *Editor*, Rev. George J. Bond, B.A.; *The Methodist Magazine* and the Sunday school publications, Toronto, Ont., *Editor*, W. H. Withrow, D.D., F.R.C.S.

5. **Educational Department.**—*General Secretary*, John Potts, D.D., Toronto, Ont.; *Treasurer*, Hon. W. E. Sanford, Hamilton, Ont. Institutions:

A. Connectional Institutions, which are under the control of the General Conference: 1. Victoria University, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont.; 2. Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.; 3. Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man.; 4. Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, Que.; 5. Albert College, Belleville, Ont.; 6. Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, Ont.

B. Conference Institutions: 1. Stanstead Wesleyan College, Stanstead, Que.; 2. The Methodist College, St. John's, N. F.

C. Proprietary Institutions: 1. The Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ont.; 2. The Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, Ont.

6. **Epworth League and Sunday School Department.**—*General Secretary*, Rev. A. C. Crews, Toronto, Ont.; *General Treasurer Epworth League*, J. W. Flavelle, Esq., Toronto, Ont.; *General Treasurer Sunday School Department*, Warring Kennedy, Esq., Toronto, Ont.

Other Methodisms in the United States.

THE following table gives the statistics of the Methodisms in the United States, other than the Methodist Episcopal Church, for January, 1896: *

DENOMINATIONS.	Ministers.	Churches.	Communicants.
1. Union American Methodist Episcopal	115	115	7,031
2. African Methodist Episcopal	4,365	4,575	594,776
3. African Union Methodist Protestant	80	70	7,000
4. African Methodist Episcopal, Zion	2,473	1,612	409,441
5. Methodist Protestant	2,096	2,356	178,681
6. Wesleyan Methodist	600	565	18,344
7. Methodist Episcopal, South	5,757	13,502	1,379,928
8. Congregational Methodist	204	238	12,500
9. Congregational Methodist (colored)	5	5	319
10. New Congregational Methodist	20	35	1,200
11. Zion Union Apostolic	30	32	2,346
12. Colored Methodist Episcopal	1,297	4,004	170,718
13. Primitive Methodist	70	100	6,340
14. Free Methodist	855	708	26,876
15. Independent Methodist	8	15	2,569
16. Evangelist Missionary	87	13	4,600
Total	18,062	27,945	2,822,669

The Presidential Inauguration of 1797.

ONE hundred years ago Washington concluded his eight years' service as President, and John Adams was inaugurated as his successor. Adams was born at Braintree, Mass., October 19, 1735, O. S.; graduated at Harvard in 1755; was admitted to the bar in 1758. He was a member of the committee in the Continental Congress which drafted the Declaration of Independence, and was "its chief defender." In 1780 he visited Europe to negotiate a treaty of peace; was Minister to the Court of St. James, 1785–88; and had been Vice President 1789–97. He had "a clear, sonorous voice, a ready fluency of speech, and a quick conception." In Congress he was distinguished by "his capacity for business and for debate." He was chosen President by an electoral vote of 71, Thomas Jefferson having received 68. Our population was then some 5,000,000; and customs and conveniences were primitive, as judged by present standards. Adams' administration was troubled by foreign complications and by domestic difficulties.

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Denominations in the United States.

THE following are the latest statistics of the many different denominations in the United States which have been tabulated. A comparison of these figures with those of the preceding year will show that there is a steady increase in the strength of at least the more important of these bodies. The revised returns

DENOMINATIONS.	Ministers.	Churches.	Communicants.
Adventists	1,362	1,993	73,312
Baptists	33,291	46,871	4,068,539
Brethren (Plymouth)	.....	314	6,661
Brethren (River)	155	111	3,427
Catholics	10,382	14,931	8,014,911
Catholic Apostolic	95	10	1,394
Chinese Temples	.....	47	.....
Christadelphians	.....	63	1,277
Christians	1,485	1,480	110,250
Christian Missionary Association	10	13	754
Christian Scientists	26	221	8,724
Christian Union	183	294	18,214
Church of God (Winebrennarian)	450	560	36,000
Church Triumphant (Schweinfurth)	.....	12	384
Church of the New Jerusalem	131	147	7,406
Communistic Societies	.....	31	3,950
Congregationalists	5,400	5,500	600,000
Disciples of Christ	5,260	9,471	923,663
Dunkards	2,115	1,016	81,394
Evangelical	1,234	2,817	145,904
Friends	1,314	1,087	114,711
Friends of the Temple	4	4	340
German Evangelical Protestant	45	55	36,500
German Evangelical Synod	838	1,075	185,203
Jews	290	548	139,500
Latter-Day Saints	2,075	1,011	234,000
Lutherans	5,685	9,493	1,390,775
Waldenstromians	140	150	20,000
Mennonites	950	600	47,669
Methodists	34,141	52,550	5,452,654
Moravians	106	104	12,923
Presbyterians	11,097	14,530	1,458,999
Protestant and Reformed Episcopal	4,580	5,979	626,290
Reformed	1,662	2,355	343,981
Salvation Army	2,037	682	33,500
Schwenkfeldians	3	4	306
Social Brethren	17	20	913
Society for Ethical Culture	.....	4	1,064
Spiritualists	.....	334	45,030
Theosophical Society	.....	95	2,500
United Brethren	2,746	5,026	262,950
Unitarians	519	455	68,500
Universalists	800	802	47,986
Independent Congregations	54	156	14,126
Grand total	130,266	181,003	24,657,434

from all the religious denominations, for the year 1895, are included in the accompanying table:

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